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Joseph Tanenbaum dies

TORONTO —

As the newspaper went to press, we learned of the passing of noted businessman and philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum.

The founder of Runnymede Development Corp., Mr. Tanenbaum was especially noted for his philanthropic work, spanning North America and Israel, including Ohr Somayach, Ner Israel, Eitz Chaim and Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

British author David Irving is taken away in handcuffs from an immigration hearing in Niagara Falls, Ont. [CP Photo]

Irving told to get out

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Is someone up there listening?

Over 700 people packed Trinity United Church in Kitchener last Thursday night to rally against neo-Nazism, racism and anti-Semitism. The 90-minute service, which brought together Jews and Christians, was born of recent tensions here swirling around the presence of British Holocaust revisionist David Irving and his local far-right supporters.

The next morning, Irving was ordered deported from Canada.

Irving, the darling of the neo-Nazi movement, won't be able to re-enter Canada without a special minister's permit, something observers agree will not be easily obtained in view of the rancor and controversy surrounding his case.

Deportation from a friendly nation also means Irving is effectively banned from entering other Commonwealth countries and many European nations will use the Canadian precedent to review their policy on Irving and his ilk, according to Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The controversial 56-year-old author of Nazi apologia and works denying the existence of gas chambers at Auschwitz is already barred from Germany, Austria, Italy and evidently, the United States, which refused him entry earlier this month when he tried to enter from Canada.

National Jewish groups wasted little time in expressing their joy at Irving's deportation.

A handcuffed Irving was placed aboard the first available Air Canada flight to his native England late Friday.

Irving furiously denounced the "kangaroo court" which ordered his deportation. When the decision was read, a guard had to be called to force Irving to sit down and be quiet.

In his 17-page decision, immigration adjudicator Kenneth Thomson said Irving and his supporters "concocted" a story "to garner further publicity and prolong" the author's stay in Canada.

Irving's evidence that he had complied with an earlier notice ordering him to leave Canada within 48 hours "can lead to only one conclusion: the event was a total fabrication and never took place," Thomson stated.

Irving contended that on Oct. 30, he crossed the Canadian border at Blaine, Washington and returned to Vancouver about an hour later, thus fulfilling the order to leave Canada.

But that was countered by testimony from the U.S. customs service, which suggested Irving did not enter that night.

Thomson also found contradictions in Irving's evidence and that of his witnesses.

Irving tried to cross in New York state on Nov. 1 but was turned back. He was then detained by Canadian officials in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Irving had been free on $20,000 bail for the duration of the adjudication hearing, which had been called to determine whether he violated the order.

The order to leave voluntarily within 48 hours was issued after Irving was arrested in Victoria late last month when it was discovered he had slipped into Canada despite an earlier notice barring him from this country.

Ottawa's original decision to bar Irving was based on a hate law under which the author was convicted in Germany last year following a speech on the Holocaust. The law makes it an offence to "insult the memory of the dead."

Irving has been a featured speaker at regular meetings of the Los Angeles-based Institute for Historical Review, a notorious Holocaust-denying organization.

Last week, the Latvian National Federation in Canada said it was "outraged" that Irving used the Latvian House on College Street for a Nov. 8 speech to about 100 supporters.

The federation said it will take measures to ensure its premises are not used by hate groups.

Israel returns to peace talks

OTTAWA —

First, it was in. Then it was out. Then it was back in.

For Israel, last week's talks here of the refugee working group, one of five sessions within the multilateral round of Mideast peace talks, were not unlike a poker game, albeit one with considerably high stakes.

The normally placid capital served as the setting for two days of heady international diplomacy marked by hairpin developments in both the Israeli and Palestinian camps.

And in the end, Canada, the holder of the gavel, had to admit that on key issues, "consensus eluded us for sure." But, added Marc Perron, head of the Canadian delegation, "we Canadians would consider this a beginning, not an end."

The two days of talks began on an optimistic note because both Israel and the United Nations had announced they would attend. Israel boycotted the Ottawa talks when they opened last May because they included Palestinian representatives from outside the territories — so-called non-indigenous or "diaspora" Palestinians — which Israel feared would include members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But in a compromise brokered last month by Egyptian foreign minister Amre Moussa, Israel agreed to attend the Ottawa round on three conditions: that Palestinians' self-proclaimed right of return to their former homes in Israel not be raised, that no delegate could be a resident of East Jerusalem and no delegate could be a member of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's chief policy-making body and the Palestinian "parliament-in-exile."

It was that last proviso that nearly scuttled the talks, for it was discovered the night before the round's opening last Wednesday that Muhammad Hallaj, acting head of the Palestinian mission, was a member of the PNC.

After all-night negotiations failed to resolve the issue, the 10-member Israeli delegation announced it was leaving Ottawa.

"We came here on the basis of an understanding whereby the Palestinian delegation would not consist of members of the Palestine National Council," a grim-faced Shlomo Ben Ami, co-chairman of Israel's delegation, told reporters. "We were firm in our conviction and we are very,

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Kitchener fire deliberately set

KITCHENER — The Nov. 7 fire that gutted a house owned by Monna Zentner was deliberately started, officials here say.

Fire Marshall Brian Mulligan would not elaborate.

The blaze caused over $100,000 in damage to a vacant house next door to Zentner's residence.

Zentner has been at the centre of thrice-weekly protest vigils outside the downtown stereo shop of Michael Rothe, a leading supporter of British Holocaust revisionist David Irving.

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Cotler denounces Holocaust deniers

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

The 12th annual Holocaust Education Week started with a bang as McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, a former head of the Canadian Jewish Congress, delivered a rousing 90-minute lecture on Holocaust Denial and War Crimes Revisionism to more than 500 people at the Holy Blossom Temple.

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"The presence of Holocaust deniers in our midst is a standing moral outrage," Cotler charged. "It is an affront to conscience and to law, a crime against Holocaust remembrance as it is a crime against humanity."

The Holocaust denial movement "is not just an assemblage of rag-tag people or kooks, although there are kooks among them," he said. He described it as an orchestrated, sophisticated movement with an intellectual veneer, posing as a sincere academic discourse, but really "on the cutting edge" of a virulent international anti-Semitic movement.

"The repressed demons of anti-Semitism" have been unleashed, even in countries where there are no Jews, Cotler noted. While neo-Nazis torch Holocaust memorials and immigrant hostels in Germany, anti-Jewish Islamic studies radio broadcasts are heard in Sweden. A Zionism is apartheid lecture was given only last month at Yale, he said.

As well, he noted the rise of a gallery of mainstream anti-Semitic rogues like Jean Le Pen in France, David Duke and Pat Buchanan in the United States, and Holocaust denier David Irving in Britain. "What makes the Holocaust denial movement so pernicious is its very pervasiveness and its growth as a trans-national phenomenon," he said.

The United Nations is still apparently a hotbed of anti-Semitic activity, too. According to Cotler, a delegation from Syria resurrected the infamous Damascus blood libel before a UN human rights commission during the Gulf War, and distributed a book on the subject called The Matzoh of Zion, allegedly written by the Syrian defence minister. "This libelous submission was able to continue for some 45 minutes without any riposte or intervention from the commission. The silence was deafening."

Another UN committee, the Economic and Social Council, borrowed language from Nuremburg to condemn Israel repeatedly in the 1980s for "war crimes and crimes against humanity," while ignoring the massive rights violations of Iraq and other countries, Cotler charged. Nearly 40 percent of its indictments in the 1980s applied only to Israel, he said, while Saddam Hussein seemingly committed genocide with impunity. "If the international community had taken steps to indict Saddam Hussein for his criminality in the 1980s, we might have avoided the Gulf War of the 1990s."

Holocaust denial abuses the legal and judicial process to gain expression and legitimization, Cotler said. It also "manipulates the media and converts it to an agent, however unwittingly, of the Holocaust denial movement." During the Ernst Zundel trial, newspaper stories appeared with obscene headlines like "Women dined and danced at Auschwitz, expert witness says," making reference to the "alleged Holocaust" and the "alleged gas chambers." It was, Cotler said, as though the historical veracity of the Holocaust itself was the focus of the trial.

During a key moment of the trial, Cotler recalled, Zundel reiterated his theory that the Holocaust was a hoax fabricated by Jews to extract money, sympathy and political favors from the international community in order to build an illegal state on the backs of the Palestinians. "In one fell swoop, Ernst Zundel went from denying the Holocaust to denying the legitimacy of the state of Israel," Cotler observed, drawing out the implicit connection between Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism.

Irwin Cotler

Holocaust deniers like Zundel are attempting to cover up some of the most massive crimes of history, Cotler charged. "Those who would seek to deny us our past are the same people who would, if they had an opportunity, deny us our future," he said.

Regarding Nazi war criminals still at large, he said, "If we do not do everything we can to bring them to justice, people will say in 10 or 15 years that there were no criminals, and perhaps no crimes, or that the crimes were exaggerated. Every time we bring a Nazi war criminal to justice, we strike a blow to the Holocaust denial movement.

At the Mizirich memorial is (from left) Fanya Wedro, Sam Honigman, Brenda Honigman and Arch Honigman.

Memorial erected to Nazis' victims

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Sam Honigman and his children, Arch and Brenda, have recently returned from a once in a lifetime trip. In September, they travelled back in time — to Honigman's hometown in the Ukraine — to help clean up the mass grave where 3,000 Miziricher Jews were murdered by the Nazis 50 years ago and to erect a memorial to the victims.

The Honigmans and Fanya Wedro of Calgary, whose husband is also a survivor of the Mizirich killings, joined 18 Israeli survivors, a number of Jews from nearby Rovno and up to 2,000 local people in dedicating the memorial. They walked again the path that Mizirich's Jews followed to their grave. Both the mayor and chief of police of the town, now called Vollin, spoke to the assembly and promised to protect the memorial and care for the cemetery.

The Nazis came to Mizirich, then in Eastern Poland, on the first day of Shavuoth in 1941. The Honigman family lived in Libna, a suburb of the town. Then an 11-year-old, Honigman said he remembers the German soldiers cutting up his father's tefillim, beating his father and trying to rape his older sister. Then, their Ukrainian neighbors drove them out of the house. [They were the only Jewish family in that area.]

Over the next three years, Honigman miraculously escaped death on several occasions. The first came that first summer of occupation when the Nazis rounded up 50 to 60 children, including Honigman and one of his sisters. "I could hear screams and crying," he recalled. "They were driving us to a graveyard. Fortunately, I knew the area because my father sold chickens around there. I jumped off the wagon and ran. I hid in a ditch with an older man for three days, while the Germans killed 2,200 Jews."

Honigman managed to get back to his parents after spending some time in the bush and escaping one more time from the Germans. By the fall of 1942, there were only 800 Jews left in the Mizirich area and they were all living on one street surrounded by a wire. Honigman remembers Ukrainians risking their lives to throw food to the Jews. The end came on Sukkot in 1942. All the Jews were marched out, forced to dig a mass grave and shot. Honigman went with his parents but, again, he miraculously survived.

"I was determined to live," he said. He and another survivor, Monik Averbach [who now lives in Israel], spent a year in the forest living by stealing whatever food they could. The second winter, however, was severe and Honigman froze his feet. His friend Averbach refused to leave him even though he couldn't walk. They decided to head to a Ukrainian neighbor of the Honigmans, a bachelor who Honigman knew was a deeply religious man and would help them. On the way, they twice more escaped.

Nikolai, the bachelor farmer, did help them. He hid them for two years. They also discovered he was hiding two Jewish girls as well. At the end of 1944, they returned to Mizirich with the Russian army. Only 11 Mizirich Jews survived.

In 1948, Honigman came to Winnipeg where two aunts and their families lived.

In 1991, he reports, one of the survivors went back to Mizirich and saw that the mass grave was being used as a garbage dump. Twenty-eight Israelis who hail from the area, decided to clean up the grave, fence it in and erect a memorial. Last May, one of them, Martin Tenenboim, came to see Honigman and invited him to participate. Honigman started phoning other Winnipeggers with Miziricher roots to contribute to the $9,000 plaque and memorial.

The dedication was well documented on Ukrainian television. Brenda found it all very touching. Because she understands Yiddish, she was able to follow what was happening.

Arch found the people were friendly and noted that, since the collapse of communism, the new government is encouraging such memorials. Most touching however was their visit to the old neighborhood where Honigman found an old lady who remembered his parents and people he used to play with when they were children.

The Honigmans also erected grave stones for two Ukrainian friends who helped the elder Honigman. Sam Honigman is still soliciting funds to pay for the Mizirich memorial and to help other survivors who may want to erect memorials in their old towns.

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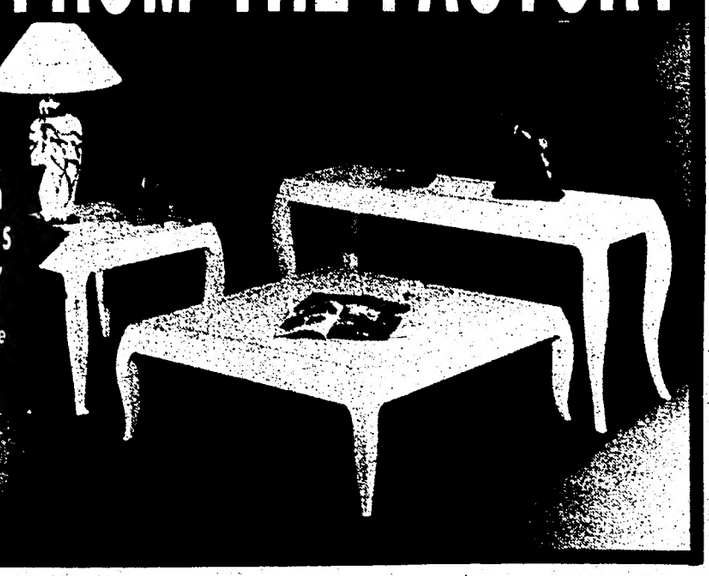

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Alan Keyes (second from right) met with representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) and members of Toronto's black community prior to delivering his address. Keyes is seen here with (from left) Steven Warsh, co-chair of the new leadership division of CFHU, David Satok, chairman of community relations for Congress and Dan Halbert, co-chair of the new leadership division. (Graphic Artists photo)

Black, Jewish ties stressed

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The relationship between blacks and Jews in the United States has reached crisis proportions, but Canadians still have time to avoid the animosity and mutual suspicion that is marring what was once a co-operative relationship, a Toronto audience was told recently.

Many American blacks have accepted a "devil theory" that explains their situation in terms of a malevolent group determined to oppress them. And they have projected that vision on American Jews, said Dr. Alan Keyes, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Keyes, who has served as a consultant to the National Security Council, was speaking at an Issues and Insight lecture sponsored by the new leadership division of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU), in co-operation with The Institute For Jewish Learning of the Jewish Community Centre.

Keyes said that in the absence of a positive counter-message like the one once preached by Rev. Martin Luther King, the devil theory has gained currency among many blacks. He noted that in his recent (unsuccessful) campaign for a U.S. Senate seat in the state of Maryland, he experienced for the first time a racist reaction and negative feelings about blacks in the Jewish community.

If you don't challenge these views, they bubble to the surface and explode in events like the Crown Height riots, Keyes said.

(Black anti-Jewish rioting broke out in that section of Brooklyn following a traffic mishap in which a Lubavitch driver accidently struck and killed a black child.)

In a sometimes moving, sometimes humorous address, Keyes traced the history of black/Jewish co-operation in the fight for human rights in the United States.

Jews assumed many leadership roles in that battle and "put their hands in the hands of black people and took the dangerous walk," he said. But once the political battles were won, legislation enacted and political institutions changed, the common ground between the groups dissipated, he said.

Blacks were still faced with problems of endemic poverty and joblessness that were not susceptible to political or legislative solutions. And in the meantime, many forgot the key role played by Jews in the civil rights movement.

In recent years, prominent blacks like Louis Farrakhan and Leonard Jeffries, as well as Rev. Jesse Jackson, have made statements that "make it almost necessary for blacks to hate and distrust Jews," Keyes said.

Some black leaders have analyzed the situation facing blacks and concluded that Jews are responsible for it. A statement by a Farrakhan devotee, asserting that the Nation of Islam preacher saved him from hell, illustrates the point, Keyes said.

When people believe they are living in hell, there's usually a devil incarnate who is creating the misery, with the Jew cast in that role, Keyes said.

That approach represents a negative vision of reality, though a potent one, and will poison any positive aspects of self-help and self-esteem promoted by the likes of Farrakhan, he suggested.

King, on the other hand, always spoke with the positive message of striving for justice. And both blacks and Jews, whose "sense of vulnerability is a common heritage," realized that "the struggle for justice is transcendent."

Keyes suggested that Canada was at a stage where common bonds between blacks and Jews, working together for practical goals, will stymie the emergence of the sort of negative situation already evident in the United States.

Keyes was introduced by Dan Halbert and thanked by Steven Warsh, co-chairman of the new leadership division.

Tour bus arrives at Auschwitz

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A Catholic survivor of Auschwitz who coordinated a drive to purchase a 62- passenger bus for visitors to that camp underwent an unsettling experience recently as he accepted delivery of the bus in the city of Zelina, Slovakia, where it was made.

Only three of the Jews of the 5,000 who lived there survived," Sigmund Sobolewski told *The CJN*. "When I asked what happened to the rest several people told me they did not know."

The bus is painted white, bearing the painting of a large Canadian flag, and a dedication to the family of Gerda Freiberg of Toronto, the main contributor. It will be used to transport school children from Auschwitz to see the crematoriums at Birkenau where the Auschwitz inmates died.

There are now 50 Jews in Zelina, most of them from the Soviet Union, Sobolewski said. The city of 65,000 had a huge synagogue which still displays a Star of David in the brickwork but which is now used as a cinema.

"I visited a a beautiful cemetery with a small synagogue. The walls are covered with the names of the 5,000 who perished in Auschwitz, many of them children. It is very tragic to visit such a place."

In taking the bus from Slovakia to Poland, Sobolewski and the driver ran into a 24-hour line-up of trucks at the border. "Because the bus had a sign 'Gift from Canada to Auschwitz', the customs gave us priority and we crossed the border after seven hours in the line.

"I invited the students from the Mickiewicz High School in Katowice (population two million) the closest city to Oswiecim, and where I attended grade seven in 1935. They arrived to witness the ceremony of giving the keys to the Auschwitz museum director, Jerzy Wroblewski."

Sobolewski said he was most impressed by the attitude of students from Frankfurt, Germany, which he found in complete contrast to what he had expected after seeing pictures on TV of students from East Germany burning hostels that housed foreigners.

He said he met four other German student groups who travel often to Auschwitz and who were critical of the lack of information at Auschwitz about the number of Jews who were killed there.

Sobolewski said he is concerned that no Canadian will be attending a conference Jan. 17-18 of the International Auschwitz Committee.

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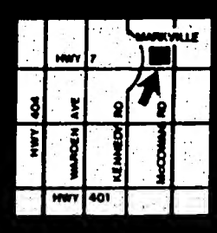

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Future of WZO sparks debate

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO —

Ninety-five years after Theodor Herzl founded the first Zionist congress and gave a structure and voice to the Jewish national renaissance, the Jewish community is still divided over where the Zionist movement is going and whether it even has a future.

Four national executive members of the Canadian Zionist Federation, who attended the 32nd Zionist Congress in Jerusalem this past July, expressed reactions ranging from cautious optimism to outright condemnation of the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

"The WZO is a big, empty, ideologically bankrupt bureaucracy. Nothing is moving in this Zionist movement, it's no longer a revolutionary force. Like other institutions, it has become self-serving and stagnant," Moishe Ronen said at a public forum held recently at the Beth Sholom Synagogue.

The member of Likud-Canada and chair of the Israel Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress believes that since Herzl's dream of realizing a Jewish state has been achieved, "it's time for the WZO to pack up and go home. To me the uncompleted project is not the Zionist but the Judaic project, to examine the kind of state Israel is, to make it a Jewish state."

Norma Rubin, national president of Mercaz Canada (the Zionist arm of the Conservative movement) disagreed, saying, "As long as there is a Diaspora there is a job for the WZO. Israel is facing the gargantuan task of absorbing hundreds of thousands of immigrants and there is no way it can handle it on its own."

Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple, a veteran of four Zionist congresses, conceded humorously that the so-called parliament of the Jewish people is "a pastiche of party politics speaking in antiquated terminology."

But he did hold out a ray of hope for its future.

He told of the ongoing power struggle between the WZO and its sister organization, the fundraising Jewish Agency.

Power struggle useful

"The people at the Jewish Agency believe in efficiency, they would like to streamline the WZO and eliminate duplication. We all know what that means: mergers, otherwise known as takeover . . . If the fundraisers succeed, there will be no ideological basis for Zionism, it will be replaced by philanthropy."

However, he said the power struggle is having the positive effect of uniting the WZO and forcing it to articulate its role and its relationship with the Jewish Agency.

Another positive development Rabbi Marmur found at the 32nd congress was a growing spirit of pluralism, a recognition that no single religious or political faction holds a monopoly on truth. He cited a resolution to reach out to non-Jewish spouses, that nearly — but didn't — pass.

Tillie Margolis, past president of Na'amat, said a key priority discussed at the 32nd congress was how to stop the continuing erosion of Jewish life in the Diaspora. She said the intermarriage rate for American Jews now stands at 52 percent; 90 percent of children of mixed marriages have no Jewish identity.

As a solution she suggested stepping up enriched Zionist cultural and educational programs, but here again she admitted the WZO was limited by budget cuts.

Some members of the audience echoed her concern over the lack of a Zionist spark in young Jews today.

"Toronto's Jewish day schools should take note: no Jewish education should be complete without a Zionist component," said Julius Sokoloff, 71.

Of the three dozen people who turned out for the forum, only half a dozen were young. And they too had their beefs.

"As students we are as close as you can get to the assimilation problem. What is the Canadian Zionist Federation doing for us?" demanded Naomi Ulpian, 20, of the Jewish Students' Network.

Responded Rabbi Marmur: "The real question is: what can you do for yourselves? Join us. The Canadian Zionist Federation has a conference coming up. Bring in delegates, fight, don't wait for the old fogeys to give you power, take it! Everyone will be delighted. If you care you can change the bureaucracy. That's the spirit of Zionism."

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Conference tackles anti-Semitism

REGINA —

A total of 185 delegates from small Jewish communities across the country convened in Regina, recently to tackle the issue of anti-Semitism. The Jewish Students Network of Canada held its Western Region conference concurrently with the event.

Sponsored by the National Small Communities Committee (NSCC) of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Saskatchewan Jewish Council, Beth Jacob Synagogue and Temple Beth Tikvah, the symposium was supported by the federal ministry of multiculturalism and citizenship.

Delegates came from a wide array of small communities such as Brandon, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Thunder Bay. This marked the fourth conference of its kind presented by CJC since 1985. Its fundamental purpose is to promote the exchange of ideas between Jews living in the smaller remote communities and to motivate them to assume leadership roles in their local regions.

A panel dealing with community responses to anti-Semitism featured the participation of Moncton's David Attis, Robert Levin of Kelowna, B.C., Ron Bing of Regina and Jewish Students Network Chair Joey Felsen of Toronto.

Attis described his experience with anti-Semitic Moncton school teacher Malcolm Ross. It was Attis who prompted a New Brunswick board of inquiry into the District 15 school board's employment of Ross, leading to his removal from the classroom. Commenting on the racist and anti-Semitic component of today's society, Attis said: "I don't know if we'll ever get rid of them. At least, though, we have the strength in our society to stand tall and point our fingers against them."

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Survivors to get reparations

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The German government and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany recently signed a historic agreement that requires Germany to pay reparations to those Holocaust survivors who were, until now, unable to receive those funds.

Thousands of victims of Nazism who lived after the war in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe never received indemnification because they were unable to file applications by the 1965 deadline stipulated in the 1952 reparations agreement, said Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Claims Conference.

Some 90,000 of those Eastern Europeans who made it to the West after that deadline received small one-time payments, amounting to about five marks for each day they were confined.

"Now that their governments are free, they are free to request what others have received in terms of compensation," Miller explained.

The new accord, signed the last week of October, provides for an additional one-time payment, as well as continuing hardship payments to Jews imprisoned by the Nazis in concentration camps or ghettos or who lived in hiding, Miller said.

The payments will be made to those held more than six months in concentration camps, in ghettos for at least 18 months and those who lived in hiding for at least 18 months.

"This historic agreement with the German government will make it possible for some of the most severely persecuted victims of Nazism — almost all of them elderly and needy — to live out their days in dignity and relative financial security," he said.

The new accord will also place at the disposal of the Claims Conference 30 million marks (approximately $19 million) for grants to institutions and organizations that provide social care to elderly Jewish Nazi victims.

The new agreement follows "extensive and difficult" negotiations that began 16 months ago in Bonn at a meeting between Miller and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

It also comes 40 years after West Germany first agreed to pay indemnification to Jewish victims of Nazism under a compact signed by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Nahum Goldmann, then president of the Claims Conference.

There are currently 160,000 survivors receiving monthly pensions provided under the original 1952 reparations agreements. They reside mainly in the Americas, Israel and Western Europe.

To date, the Federal Republic of Germany has paid out roughly $50 billion in compensation to Holocaust survivors.

Prior to Germany's reunification, "difficult and protracted negotiations were undertaken by the Claims Conference with the East German regime," recalled Akiva Lewinsky, vice president of the Claims Conference and chairman of its negotiating team.

"Regrettably, those talks ended in failure because the Communist regime never accepted its historic moral responsibility to the survivors of Nazi persecution," he said.

The new compensation accord was reached under Article 2 of the implementation agreement to the German Unification Treaty reuniting East and West Germany.

In that article, the German government agreed to negotiate with the Claims Conference for hardship payments to Nazi victims who had previously received no compensation or only minimal indemnification.

The Claims Conference will issue a call in early December for applications from Jewish Holocaust survivors for benefits under the new agreement.

Potentially eligible claimants should make their applications to the Claims Conference at 15 East 26th St., New York, N.Y. 10010 or call 212-696-4944.

Somalis meet with Jewish group

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A common historical experience of being victims of genocide may be bringing two disparate communities together.

Representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress and the Somali-Canadian Society of Metro Toronto (SCSMT) met recently at the Lipa Green Building where they discussed steps that could be taken to bring to justice alleged war criminals who persecuted and killed members of the Isak tribe in Somalia.

The meeting may also help lay the foundation for more longlasting cooperation between the two communities, said Farah Khayre, executive director of SCSMT.

Milton Harris, chairman of Congress' war crimes committee, said much of the meeting focused on the Somalis' concern that people who persecuted and murdered members of their Isak tribe are now in Canada as refugees while others, who might also claim refugee status, may be on the way.

Congress suggested two approaches to the issue, Harris said. The first involves relying on the Immigration Act, which bars individuals from Canada if there are reasonable grounds to believe they were involved in war crimes and crimes against humanity. The second involves charges under the Criminal Code against those Somalis now resident in Canada who are suspected of involvement in crimes against humanity. Congress suggested that the Somalis present their evidence to immigration authorities and the RCMP.

Harris said Congress offered its expertise because "it's abhorrent that people who committed war crimes can come and obtain citizenship."

A recent documentary on CBC's *the 5th estate* outlined claims that some members of a Somali tribe, the Darood, who were prominent in the Somali government, police and army, persecuted and murdered Isaks.

The program identified several alleged war criminals, one of whom was later deported.

Khayre said SCSMT, which represents about 8,000 natives of the northern region of Somalia, which he called Somaliland, sought out the Jewish community because "it has a long history dedicated to helping its own members. They are the most successful of all community organizations."

Security uneasy at Lebanon border

METULLA—

Mayor Yossi Goldberg of Metulla, on Israel's border with Lebanon, says the security situation in the north "throws us straight back to 1981."

In recent weeks, Katyusha rocket attacks launched by Hezbollah terrorists from Lebanon have disrupted life in the north, drove residents to spend their nights in bomb shelters, and caused school and work-day cancellations. There is large-scale army movement in the area.

"Right now the situation is quiet but tense," Goldberg said. "We know the pattern. It's calm one minute, and suddenly it can start up again. Visitors and tourists have disappeared. Moving about by residents in the north is drastically reduced."

Canada Centre, the busy recreation complex in Metulla built by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, is suffering from numerous cancellations of group and individual visits, and has a serious loss of income.

"It's like the north is closed," said Goldberg. During regular times, Canada Centre, including a swimming pool and ice-skating rink, draws hundreds of visitors daily from other parts of the country.

"The Centre now serves IDF soldiers in the area and local residents. It helps relieve the tension," Goldberg said. "As I'm talking to you, there are 400 soldiers at the Centre."

The UIA's decision to build Canada Centre and help other towns and settlements in the north was made during the 1980s as a response to previous attacks on Israel's civilian population and to express the solidarity of Canadian Jewry.

"From my viewpoint, this is precisely the time to help strengthen the people in the north," Goldberg stated. "This is the way for Jews overseas to become partners in the peace process. The process will involve painful compromises. To be able to pay the price, the settlements of the north must be as strong as they can be."

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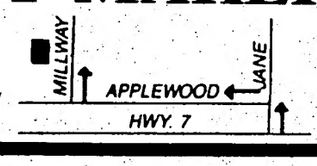

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Chief Rabbi Lau

Divergence of religious and secular factions is a serious problem in Israel. Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, is regarded as a man who can bridge the gap.

Well known in Israel through frequent appearances on radio and television, Rabbi Lau is rumored to be a prime candidate for the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. A former high school teacher at both religious and secular schools, he served as chief rabbi of Netanya from the late 1970s until he was elected chief rabbi of Tel Aviv in 1989.

Born in Piotrokow, Poland, Rabbi Lau is the descendent of 37 generations of rabbis. He is a child survivor of the Holocaust and has led the March of the Living three times. He and his wife have eight children and 17 grandchildren. "My revenge," he calls them.

Rabbi Lau spoke to CJN reporter Frances Kraft about religious issues in Israel when he was in Toronto recently on behalf of the Biotechnical Institute of Israel.

CJN: *What do you feel Israel's biggest problem is, and how do you feel it should be addressed?*

Rabbi Lau: The relationship between religious and secular. It's very difficult to live in the same boat, but there is no choice. We must live in the same boat until Messiah comes and everyone understands that without religion there is no Jewish continuity and eternity.

There are two ways to solve the problem. The first way is learning, studying, education about Judaism, because the lack of knowledge creates a gap. It makes a split between us. It's like two deaf people who cannot find a common language.

Most of the Jewish population do not know even what is inside the mezuzah, and they don't know what Shabbat really means. They know only that on Shabbat there are limitations. They don't know the positive way of Shabbat, only the negative. No television, no sports, no sea, no cinema, no smoking, no cars, but what yes? They don't know the taste of a prayer, the taste of zemirot, the Shabbat table, the gathering of the family. You cannot build a bridge when there is a lack of elementary knowledge of Judaism, and they really don't know.

Number two, and this is the minimum we can agree upon: maximum Judaism in the public field, minimum involvement in private life. I will not interfere in your private lives, if you are Shomer Shabbat or not. Even if you drive your car, I cannot interfere. I can, but I will not do it, because if we want to live together, we must agree upon one way, a way in which public life will be a Jewish one. Public transportation, like the train and the buses, like El Al, are not going on Shabbat.

Another example: I will not enter your kitchen to see the separation between milk and meat, but in the army, or in the hospital, or even in jail, if among 1,000 people, there is one observant Jew, he may eat only kosher. Nine hundred ninety-nine secular may eat kosher as well. The kitchen must be kosher. Even Ben Gurion realized this in 1949, when he decided that the kitchens of Tzahal must be kosher.

Marriage and divorce must be according to Halachah, even if we are the minority. There cannot be a common boat without the laws of marriage and divorce. If the marriages, or more importantly the gittim (divorces), are not according to Halachah, you create a split in the Jewish family, in the Jewish nation. There will be no basis for common life. If a divorce is not according to Halachah, and the woman is remarrying, the children of the second marriage, according to Halachah, are forbidden to [marry] my children. We want to prevent that.

If it's only a question of opinion or outlook, we can argue, we can have a discussion, we might be able to compromise, but if we cannot marry each other, it's a division of a nation.

CJN: *What can be done about the problem of agunot (women whose husbands are unwilling or unable to give them a divorce)?*

Rabbi Lau: Israel, unfortunately, has had very many wars on battlefields. Very many. In some of those wars people just disappeared, their corpses were never found, especially in the Yom Kippur war when people changed tanks, and there was no supervision of who was where. Disappearing of soldiers started already in 1946, before the establishment of the State, when the Palmach lost many fighters.

Let me assure you of one thing. From 1946, until 1992, there is not even one agunah [because of war] from Eretz Yisrael. Every almanah (widow) of those soldiers has received full permission from the rabbinical court to remarry. This is one side of the coin.

There is another side of the coin, agunot by free will of the couple, when you know where the husband is, but he doesn't want to give a divorce.

Family life is not a revolving door, in and out. It's at least a partnership of two partners. Just as you cannot establish a partnership without the free will of two sides, you cannot break a partnership without the agreement of two sides.

CJN: *Are you saying that's there's no solution to this problem of agunot?*

Rabbi Lau: No, no. This is the ordinary case. Extraordinary is when you make extraordinary efforts in order to convince one of the parties who refuses, and sometimes it's the woman. It's a coin of two sides, like every marriage.

It's not a new phenomenon. People argue, and because of the [initial] strong love, the insult is even greater, as are the anger and hatred.

In Tel Aviv there are 10 rabbinical courts [of which Rabbi Lau is the head]. They do everything possible in order to prevent agunah. Nobody is apathetic. Everyone cares, worries, wants to help. We are human beings.

CJN: *Do you foresee any changes in the Israeli court system, or do you recommend any?*

Rabbi Lau: I see very bitterly that the Supreme Court, the civil one, is taking away more and more power from the rabbinical courts. It means that today, someone who is not happy with the decision of the rabbinical court can apply to the Supreme Court, which often cancels the decision of the rabbinical court. I see it with very worried eyes. It gives people who live according to Halachah the feeling that they are second-class citizens.

I think if there is a secular Supreme Court, there has to be the same parallel in the rabbinic courts.

[When the Supreme Court overturns a decision of the rabbinical court], it creates a clash. We must think about it.

In cases dealing with Halachic issues such as those that arise from divorce, I would say, if you take a special authority of Supreme Court members and supreme rabbinic court members, together, combining the two, the voices of men like Rav Ovadia Yosef or Rav Shlomo Goren will also be heard.

Maybe this is a way to build a bridge, if not from the foundation then from the roof.

CJN: *How is it that you've been successful in reaching out to the secular population in Israel?*

Rabbi Lau: The answer is simple. I became a teacher in non-religious secondary schools in Petach Tikvah, just after being a student at yeshivah in Bnei Brak. This transition from yeshivah to a school in the name of Achad Ha'Am is very unusual, but you see it's possible.

What did I find there? Thirst for Judaism. Real thirst. For instance, the students wanted me to join them at their Chanukah party. I didn't accept the invitation because the way they celebrate, dancing, you know, it's not my way. I said, kindly, "thank you," but they understood that I didn't intend to go.

A second delegation came to tell me that they wanted me to join them so much that they had arranged a room for me for the entire eight days of Chanukah. I asked them why they had arranged a room, when Petach Tikvah is only half an hour from Tel Aviv. They were sure that for eight days we don't work, don't ride, don't speak on the telephone.

I looked at them and said, "That you don't know the laws of Chanukah, okay, but how is it that you and I are so strange to one another? There are observant Jews in Petach Tikvah. How far away you are one from another."

And they were anxious to know. They were brought up in Eretz Yisrael, in Petach Tikvah, not even on a kibbutz. Can you understand what my worry is?

There are no apikorsim (agnostics). They do not deny Judaism. You ask me why I have a good relationship with them. They were waiting, expecting someone like me to come to speak to them, because they had nobody to explain elementary things to them.

CJN: *What is the religious status of the Ethiopian kessim? Are they allowed to perform marriages in Israel?*

Rabbi Lau: The kessim, their religious leaders, are not yet authorized to conduct weddings. To do that, they must know the fundamental laws of Jewish life.

Unfortunately they don't know the law, because they were cut off from all Jewish resources for at least 500 years. They didn't know of the Shulchan Aruch, which is 400 years old. They didn't even know that there exists such a code of Jewish law. They never even heard the name.

Unfortunately, they didn't bring tefillin with them. They didn't know that there is a mitzvah of putting on tefillin.

Everyone understands that if a physician comes from Russia or elsewhere, even if he was head of a hospital department, he has to take a course to fit his knowledge with the current Israeli medical system if he wants to practice.

Everyone understands that even a very successful attorney from Canada who comes to Tel Aviv must pass exams.

Every academic professional has to adapt to the law of the country and fit his knowledge to it — engineers, accountants, dentists.

Only when it comes to a religious point is there a fight. Let them be rabbanim, but they must fit themselves to the law, to take an exam, and to show what they know.

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CJN: *What is the status of the rest of the Ethiopian immigrants?*

Rabbi Lau: They are accepted as Jews. Most of them are circumcised. Those who aren't have to undergo circumcision like everyone else in Israel or like an oleh from Russia.

We don't ask them to convert. They have only to go to the mikvah once. We call it renewal of the treaty with G-d, chidush ha'brit.

What does it mean? As in the time of the Second Temple, when we came back from exile to Eretz Yisrael, we had to make a treaty that we would observe and accept the Torah. Now they will study and hopefully observe the commandments. They give a declaration that they accept as Jews the Torah in its entirety.

CJN: *Do the Ethiopians accept this, or is there resistance?*

Rabbi Lau: They do it, yes. It's required. There are always a few opponents looking to make headlines, or the left wing using the Ethiopians to fight against the establishment.

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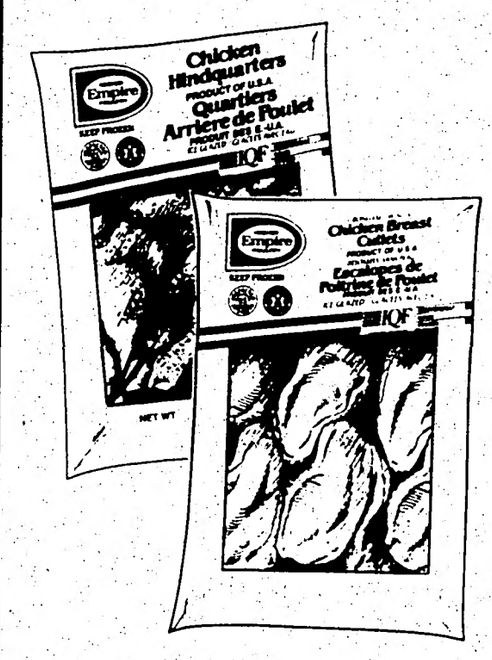

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Peace Now founder favors trading Golan Heights for peace with Syria

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It wouldn't be as straightforward as the 1982 disengagement from the Sinai, but Israel can and should give up the Golan Heights in return for peace with Syria, says a founding member of Peace Now.

Col. Meir Pa'il, a retired soldier, historian and expert military tactician, says Syria should be taken seriously in its latest overtures to Israel.

"Syria has a new policy toward Israel," Pa'il told *The CJN* in an interview prior to public addresses in Toronto and Montreal, sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Peace Now. "They are ready to sign a peace agreement in exchange for all of the Golan Heights and the Syrians would keep the peace. We should no longer be afraid of them."

Syria's stance has been forged, Pa'il points out, in the fire of the new world order: For one, Syria was a successful partner in the Gulf War coalition and now wants to pursue rapprochement with the United States, and it foresaw the collapse of its one-time benefactor, the Soviet Union.

Damascus faces new challenges: it is reluctant to withdraw from most of Lebanon, which it has controlled for nearly a decade, and it has two new adversaries: Iraq and Turkey.

"Syria understands that if it had peace with Israel, it would affect the entire Middle East. Everything would change," says Pa'il, who helped found Peace Now along with 300 senior Israel Defence Forces officers in 1978.

Pa'il sees no contradiction in his campaign for peace and his long career in the IDF, which began with Palmach forces in pre-independence days. "Most intellectuals think military people are square-headed hawks. But no one wants peace more than a soldier. Soldiers want to avoid war.

"If the Knesset was composed of just colonels, I think 80 out of the 120 [members] would be Labor, 20 would be Meretz [a party to the left of Labor] and only 15 would be Likud. There would be no religious members."

The Golan Heights is a rocky plateau once used to lob shells into northern Israel, but Pa'il dismisses its strategic and military importance.

If returned to Syria, the heights' roughly 15,000 Israeli residents would be handsomely compensated and re-located, he adds.

Last year, Pa'il published a detailed plan of how Israel could withdraw from the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967 and annexed by Jerusalem in 1981.

He warned that it would be "a serious error" to compare the Sinai to the Golan Heights. Withdrawing from the heights is far more difficult and complex because it is smaller and narrower than the Sinai peninsula.

Nonethless, Pa'il's plan calls for a gradual Israeli withdrawal simultaneous with Syria's pulling back of its military forces to create a 50-kilometre demilitarized zone under Syrian sovereignty.

The new political border between Israel and Syria would be composed of a series of Israeli fortified outposts to protect water resources from the Sea of Galilee.

Pa'il is optimistic that a certain number of Jewish settlements would be allowed to remain in the Golan Heights under Syrian sovereignty, their residents holding both Israeli and Syrian citizenship.

If Israel does not make peace with Syria, Pa'il believes the two countries will go to war within six years.

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Marriage proposals under fire

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A proposal by one of Israel's best-known rabbis to permit civil marriage has drawn a predictable flurry of criticism from most representatives of the Orthodox and haredi, or fervently Orthodox, establishments.

Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen, Ashkenazic chief rabbi of Haifa and a likely candidate in the national Chief Rabbinate election next year, suggested the idea in an interview with *Amudim*, the periodical of the Religious Kibbutz Movement.

He confirmed it during a radio interview by phone from Prague in which he stressed that civil marriage is wrong according to halacha, or Jewish law.

But instituting it for those who wish it might help to prevent worse halachic tragedies, resulting from couples' failure to dissolve their halachic marriages by halachic divorce.

Cohen made it clear he was raising the idea for further discussion by the Chief Rabbinate Council, the "cabinet" of rabbis that functions as an advisory body for the two chief rabbis.

Israeli law provides for only religious marriage in Israel: Jewish marriage (exclusively by Orthodox rabbis) for Jews; Muslim for Muslims and Christian for Christians. The issue is a constant cause of controversy in the Orthodox-secular debate that runs through Israeli society.

The two chief rabbis of Israel, Mordechai Eliahu and Avraham Shapira, quickly distanced themselves from Cohen's proposal.

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דעם 8־טן דעצעמבער, היי־יאָר, ווערט 75 יאָר זינט ס׳איז אַוועק פון דער וועלט דער „זיידע" פון דער מאָדערנער יידישער ליטעראַטור, שלום־יעקב אַבראַמאָוויטש, באַקאַנט אונטערן פאָלקסטימלעכן פען־נאָמען מענדעלע מוכר ספרים.

די דאָזיקע דאַטע ווערט ברייט אָנגעצייכנט אין דער יידישער קולטור־וועלט, סיי אין די תפוצות און סיי אין מדינת ישראל, וויל מענדעלע געהערט צו דעם מין גרויסע שרייבער, וועמענס ירושה איז געווָארן אַ באַשטאַנדטייל פונעם גייסטיקן אוצר פון יידישן פאָלק. זיינע שאַפונגען ווערן ביז היינט נאָך געלייענט און געלערנט אין שולעס און אוניווערזיטעטן, און פאַרמאָגן נאָך אַלץ נישט בלויז די לייענאַרע סיפור־המעשה, נאָר אויך אַ רייכע געדאַנקען־וועלט, וואָס לאָזט זיך אויסטייטשן אויף אַן אַקטועלן און נייעם אופן.

אין ביידע יידישע לשונות — יידיש און עבֿרית — האָט מענדעלע געשאַפן אַ נייעם סטיל און נוסח. ער האָט געריניקט און געלייטערט דאָס יידיש־לשון, און געשאַפן נייע אויסדרוק־פאָרמען און דוגמות פון שילדערן דאָס לעבן פון פשוטן פאָלק, זיינע טאָג־טעגלעכע ליידן און פריידן, ווי אויך שילדערונגען פון דער נאַטור, וואָס זיינען געווען און פאַרבליבן ניי און פריש אין דער יידישער ליטעראַטור. אַזוי אַרום האָט ער דערהויבן סיי די יידישע שפּראַך און סיי דעם וויצער־אויפגעלעבטן העברעאישן לשון און זייערע ליטעראַטורן צו אַזאַ הויכער מדרגה.

מענדעלע׳ס סטיל און נוסח איז געווען די קריטיש־שאַרפע סאַטירע. ער האָט פיינט געהאַט די אָרעמקייט, דעם פיזישן און אָפטמאָל אויך גייסטיקן דלות פון די יידישע פאָלקס־מאַסן אין תחום המושב. צוליב דעם האָט ער געהאַט אויס־צושטיין פאָרוואורפן און קריטיק אין זיין צייט, ווי אויך שפּעטער. אַזוי, צום ביישפּיל, האָבן יעקב גלאַטשטיין אין יידיש, און אברהם קריב אין העברעאיש נישט געקאָנט פאַרגעבן מענדעלען זיין שאַרף־קריטישן צוגאַנג צום יידישן לעבן, און אים שיעור ניט געזען ווי אַ זעלבסט־האַסער, רחמנא ליצלן. אָבער די טרייבקראַפט פון מענדעלע׳ס סאַטירע איז באמת געווען אהבה, ריינע און טיפע ליבשאַפט צום אייגענעם פאָלק, פאַרשטענדעניש פאַר זיינע לידן און פיינען, פאַר זיין ביטערער מערכה. מענדעלע איז, אַזוי אַרום, געווען אַ מוכיח אין דער טראַדיציע פון די יידישע נביאים, וואָס האָבן אייניצייטיק געשטראָפט דאָס פאָלק און געטרייסט עס.

אינטערעסאַנט, אַז מענדעלע׳ס שאַפן רעגט אָן ביז היינט דעם אינטערעס פון אינטעלעק־טואַלן פון יינגערן דור אין אַמעריקע. אָט אין מיט אַ יאָר צוריק אַרויס אין אַ גרויסן ענגלישן פאַרלאַג אַ פאַרנעמיקע מענדעלע מוכר ספרים אַנטאָלאָגיע, וואָס שליסט אין מענדעלע׳ס פולע אָדער טיילווייזע ווערק, איבערגעזעצט און רעדאַגיהט פון מאָרווין ס. צוקערמאַן, דזשעראַלד סטילמאַן און מאַריאָן הערבסט. די אויסגאָבע פאַרמאָגט אויך אַ שלל צוגאָב־מאַטעריאַל, ווי: אַ מענדעלע־כראָנאָלאָגיע און ביבליאָגראַפיע; אַ סומירונג פון מענדעלע׳ס לעבן און שאַפן, און קורצע אָריינפירן צו יעדן ווערק, ווי אויך אַ גלאָסאַר פון ספּעציפיש־יידישע טערמינען און אויסדרוקן. דאָס דאָזיקע רייך־אילוסטרירטע בוך, צוזאַמען מיט אַנדערע לעצטנס דערשינענע איבערזעצונגען פון דער יידישער ליטעראַטור (ווי, צום ביישפּיל, די צוויי־שפּראַכיקע אויסגאָבע פון פרצ׳עס גע־שיכטעס) קאָן דינען פאַר דער שטודירנדיקער יידישער יוגנט ווי אַ הילף און אַן אָנרעג צו באַקענען זיך נענטער מיט די צאָלרייכע שאַפונגען פון די ראשונים און אחרונים פון דער יידישער ליטעראַטור.

אַן אָוונט געווידמעט מענדעלע׳ס 75־טע יאָרצייט קומט פאָר אין טאָראָנטאָ, זונטיק דעם 22־טן נאָוועמבער אין האָלי בלאָסאָם טעמפּל, מיט אהרון לאַנסקי אַלס גאַסט־רעדנער. ער וועט רעדן וועגן מענדעלע׳ס לעבן און שאַפן.

Rabbinical Court saves marriage by a nose

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court managed to save a marriage last week when they convinced a woman to have a nose job so that her husband would find her more attractive.

Several weeks ago, the couple, both in their 20s and married two years, appeared before the court, with the husband demanding to divorce his wife, and the wife wanting to restore marital harmony.

The husband told the court he had become disgusted with his wife but absolutely refused to elaborate. The rabbinic judges insisted he go for psychological counselling, but the psychologists could not discover why he was no longer attracted to his wife.

"I'm just not attracted to her. I cannot have relations with her, and therefore I see no alternative but to divorce her," the husband said.

The judges then tried to convince the wife to accept a divorce, telling her she was young and could be happy with someone else, but she, too, remained adamant.

"Why did I come to you if all you want to do is break up my marriage," she said. "I'm a dedicated and loving wife and I'm not prepared to get divorced."

The judges then decided the only way to preserve the marriage was to get the husband to reveal what was bothering him about his wife. One called the husband into his office, castigated him for his stubbornness, and warned if he did not reveal his reasons, the court would order very high alimony payments.

The husband finally broke down and said, "My wife's nose is long and ugly, and that's why I can't have sex with her. I once mentioned it to her, but she yelled at me and said that's no way to talk to a woman."

The judges spoke to the wife and convinced her to have plastic surgery. The husband then agreed to withdraw his divorce petition.

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

WARCHUT — HELLINGEN

Yehuda Pach, of Willowdale, Ont., makes two enquiries. He is trying to respond to Warchut, who had been curious all his life about his ancestry.

I can offer no definitive solution, but there is a superficial resemblance to the Polish shtetl Warka, near Warsaw, which was a Hassidic centre. An alternative may be Varkovichi, a Ukrainian village near Rovno.

His other request is for the origin of Hellinger. Again, I can only get close. Hellengerst is a village in Austria. Information about where they lived would be helpful.

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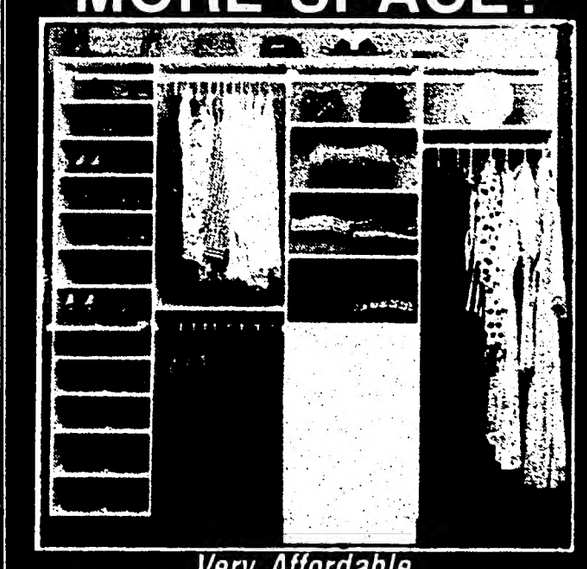
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Italians demonstrate against anti-Semitism

ROME (JTA) —

Tens of thousands of people all over Italy took part in demonstrations against racism and anti-Semitism on the 54th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

The demonstrations were given added meaning because of a series of anti-Semitic incidents recently and the attack by dozens of Jewish youths on the offices of a neo-Nazi skinhead group in Rome.

As many as 30,000 or more people, mostly students, marched through Rome, carrying banners and chanting slogans calling for racial harmony.

Many wore badges depicting a yellow Star of David — such as the Nazis forced Jews to wear — emblazoned with the words "Never Again."

At the head of the march was a group of Italian Holocaust survivors, who stressed that the events of 50 years ago must never be forgotten.

Similar demonstrations took place in as many as 30 other towns and cities under the motto, "We are all Jews."

Meanwhile, there were reports of new anti-Semitic incidents.

During a soccer match in Florence between Rome and Florence, extremist fans of the Rome team unfurled a banner with the Italian flag on one side and a swastika on the other.

Florence fans shouted back, "You are like Jews," using the description as an insult.

"The racist cry was not contested by any part of the stadium," the newspaper *Il Messaggero* reported, adding that witnesses also had reported that some Rome fans gave the Nazi salute and waved the banner of the neo-fascist Youth Front movement.

A fan at a soccer match in Rome was arrested for having set fire during the match to a flag bearing the Star of David.

And a Jewish-owned store in Frascati, near Rome, was found scrawled with a Star of David.

In a lengthy interview with *Il Messaggero* Rome's Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff said he felt that there was a definite anti-Semitic plan afoot.

"The episodes over the past few months, which are continuing in macabre sequence in Germany, France, Belgium and, to a lesser extent, Italy, make me think that they are not isolated incidents," he said.

"There is a precise plan that nourishes the racist and anti-Semitic wind," he said.

"To block this wave of intolerance, we must act on two levels," he said.

"Locally, it is necessary to isolate these extremists and not to permit them to act not only against Jews or immigrants, but all society. But also in the political sphere, it is necessary to understand who is behind this crazy fringe," he said.

Toaff accused mainstream politicians of the right wing of being behind the extremists, even though their leadership disassociated themselves "at least officially" from skinhead groups.

He criticized the German government for being lax in cracking down against right-wing extremists, but praised, however, the attitude of the Italian state toward Jews.

"Today the state is with us, and the Italians are well aware that the problem of anti-Semitism and racism doesn't just involve Jews or immigrants, but everyone.

"This is demonstrated by the fact that in these days the highest government officials, of the police, of the political parties and trade unions, and many, many ordinary citizens have been very supportive of us."

Israel returns to peace talks

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very sorry that the Palestinians delegation did not abide by the rules."

Ben Ami said Israel objected to Hallaj's presence at the conference table; it would have no problem, he explained, if Hallaj simply removed himself from the hall. The PNC is "directly controlled" by the PLO. "Israel," he said pointedly, "does not negotiate with the PLO or the PNC. That has not changed."

In a brief appearance before reporters, Hallaj, who served as the Palestinian spokesman during the May talks, did not deny his PNC membership.

"I have attended meetings of the PNC as a member. This is not a secret. Everyone knows this."

Asked if he was still a member, Hallaj said, "I have not resigned. I have not been fired."

He said the Egyptian agreement called for the exclusion of Elias Sanbar, head of the Palestinian delegation to the refugee talks, and one other member.

"We are perfectly, completely and fully in line with the agreements. There is not a single concession we made that we like or think is fair."

Earlier, Canadian spokesman Rodney Moore said Ottawa "regrets" Israel's move but that it "understands the factors underlying that decision." For many observers, the statement indicated at least a hint of Canadian support for Israel.

Ben Ami later told *The CJN* in an interview that he felt the Palestinian move to include Hallaj was deliberately calculated to prompt Israel's decision to quit the talks.

He seemed certain his team would be leaving the following morning.

But less than 10 hours later, Israel was back in, after some delicate diplomatic finesse displayed by Dan Kurzer, head of the U.S. delegation.

Kurzer read a statement which said that Hallaj's PNC membership expired at the end of the body's last meeting, held in 1991 in Algiers.

Later on Thursday, Hallaj announced that he agreed with the American statement describing him as a "lapsed" member of the PNC. But he stressed that does not preclude him from taking part in future PNC meetings, "if invited."

But Hallaj refused to translate his remarks into Arabic when asked by a reporter for Radio Canada International.

"The Middle East is historically known for missing opportunities, and we were about to miss yet another one," Ben Ami said in a statement after Israel was persuaded that Hallaj is not "currently" a PNC member.

So with Israel finally at the table, alongside delegations from 37 other nations, the talks dragged on into Thursday night and ended with little concrete agreement, other than to keep talking.

But Hallaj blasted Israel's performance in talks on family reunification, saying there was a "big gap" between the Jewish state and the Arab delegations.

He said Israel repeatedly tried to shift some issues to the bilateral talks being held in Washington. "It likes to pass the buck."

The talks on refugees are considered among the most sensitive of issues in the multilateral round. According to United Nations estimates, there are roughly 2.67 million UN-registered Palestinian refugees, 770,000 of whom live in tent camps and makeshift communities.

The West Bank and Gaza Strip are home to 900,000 Palestinian refugees, there are 1.2 million in Jordan and 300,000 each in Syria and Lebanon.

Israel said it came to Ottawa armed with "concrete" proposals on improving living conditions for refugees and on family reunification.

But the Palestinians, who have become "radicalized," are "sacrificing the cause of their people to the cause of their organization," Ben Ami told *The CJN*.

The next round of talks on refugees is scheduled for Oslo in February, followed by a round next spring in Tunis, a move observers feel could enhance Israel's stature in the Arab world but also give more clout to the PLO.

— R.C.

Mideast seen as early test for Clinton

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

While Bill Clinton has promised to refocus the government's attention on domestic priorities, the Arkansas governor who was elected president recently has made it clear he intends to lead an administration that is deeply engaged in global affairs and actively committed to democratic allies, such as Israel.

In recent months, he has sought to reassure American Jews and Israeli officials that U.S. support for Israel will remain steadfast at a time when the Middle East peace process poses particularly difficult challenges for the Jewish state.

In several key foreign policy speeches, Clinton has outlined the three principles that will guide his administration: to work with allies to encourage and defend democracy and human rights; to develop a readiness to respond to new global threats with a restructured military; and to re-establish America's economic strength, elevating economic security to the level of national security.

At the same time, he has emphatically rejected what he calls a "divorce" by the Bush administration of foreign policy and moral principles.

The president-elect has credited Bush for bringing the Arabs and Israelis to the negotiating table. And he has vowed to assign a high priority to continuing the U.S. brokerage of the peace talks without interruption.

But he has signaled a shift in ideology that has not been lost on the Arabs, many of whom had hoped for a Bush victory.

In a speech last month in Milwaukee, Clinton chastised the administration for treating the Arab-Israeli conflict "as just another quarrel between religions and nations, rather than one in which the survival of a democratic ally, Israel, has been at stake."

But insiders say that will not translate into a policy change.

Analysts believe Clinton's Middle East policy will be tested early in his presidency and that he will respond with a demonstration of strength.

Robert Satloff of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy believes Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein could present the first challenge and that Clinton will be prepared.

"Saddam is in for quite a surprise if he thinks Clinton is more liable to shrink from confrontation" than his predecessor, Satloff said.

Satloff and others predict another test will come from the peace talks, where the Palestinians are expected to seize the election as an opportunity to try to renegotiate the ground rules. Again, they say, Clinton will hold firm.

"There is no sign there will be a re-examination or a reassessment," said Satloff. He said Clinton would have a "strong resistance" to changing the framework painstakingly worked out at the start of the peace talks in Madrid a year ago.

But some caution that it is difficult to predict an incoming administration's foreign policy on the basis of election-year rhetoric.

They say that far more telling about Clinton's priorities and ideological propensities in foreign affairs will be the players he names in the coming weeks to execute his foreign policy agenda.

Throughout the campaign in Little Rock, Clinton has been surrounded at the highest levels by Jews and pro-Israel internationalists who are familiar to and trusted by the pro-Israel community.

But some Jewish leaders have privately expressed concern about isolationist tendencies among some of those surrounding Clinton and about a few Carter-era holdovers who may be picked to fill key posts.

Many Jews remain bitter over concessions demanded from Israel by Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance during their brokerage of the Camp David accords. They also remember Carter's personal crusade for Palestinian human rights.

Clinton's foreign policy crew is mixed, made up of both pro-defence centrists, such as Vice President-Elect Al Gore, and former non-interventionists, who have argued to limit U.S. involvement in crises abroad.

Front and centre among Clinton's foreign policy advisers is Samuel (Sandy) Berger, a former Yale Law School classmate of the president-elect who is now an attorney in Washington. Berger, who is Jewish, served on the policy-planning staff of the Carter administration.

Clinton viewed as pro-Israel leader

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

President-elect Bill Clinton will be more pro-Israel than his predecessor, George Bush.

This unequivocal assertion was made here at a news conference by Patrick Buchanan, a contender for the Republican Party nomination for president, a strategist for presidents Nixon, Reagan and Bush, and a spokesman for the party's right wing.

The Clinton administration will not cut aid given by the United States to Israel, Buchanan said, even though he expects total foreign aid from the United States to be significantly reduced. He said Israel's aid package will be at least $3 billion of a total aid figure of $15 billion, and may go as high as $5 billion.

"Bush got a bum rap for his position on Israel," Buchanan said. "He gave $5 billion in aid and the Patriot missiles and he got the Arabs to sit down face- to- face with the Israelis."

Buchanan was met outside the downtown hotel where he spoke to an EnRoute Universal Speakers Forum by about 100 people protesting his statements against Jews, gays, lesbians and abortion. Jewish student groups from York, University of Toronto and Ryerson were prominent among the picketers.

One banner from the Jewish Students Federation read, in part: "Why we don't like Pat: Pat calls trials of Nazi butchers Jewish vengeance. Pat denied use of poison gas at Treblinka."

Asked by *The CJN* at the news conference if it was true that he supported anti-Semitic attitudes, Buchanan retorted: "I don't usually reply to that kind of nonsense."

But he did reply to a question a few minutes later asking for his reaction to a protester's sign declaring he was a "racist, a bigot and homophobic."

He said: "Well, those people [the protesters] are on one side of the fence, and I'm on the other."

There is a deep cultural split in the United States and Buchanan said he had no apology for raising the question of a "religious war" at the Republican national convention.

The ex-presidential candidate started his talk on a lighter note, saying he was putting the finishing touches to a book titled, *It Wasn't My Fault.* Some critics wrote at the time of the convention that Buchanan's hard-line speech scared away moderate Republicans.

Instead, he claimed that Bush was a victim of his own success, that his success in foreign policy had ended the Cold War and thus had eroded the anti-Communist pillar in the party's platform.

Also, he said, Bush's promise of "no more taxes" had backfired and the sluggish economy proved his undoing. So the pillar of prosperity which underpinned three previous Republican landslides disappeared. "If we had a good economy, Clinton never would have won."

The third pillar, traditional family values was undercut by Clinton who, according to Buchanan, moved to a "centrist" position, and distanced himself from the "soft on crime" policies of Michael Dukakis and Walter Mondale.

Buchanan predicted that business will be "pleasantly surprised" at the kind of policies which Clinton will introduce.

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AIDS testing required

JERUSALEM — An Interior Ministry official has announced that beginning in January, anyone wishing to stay in Israel longer than three months will have to undergo an AIDS test, and anyone testing positive for the HIV antibodies will not have their visa extended.

The ministry's deputy director-gerneral, David Efrati, said the first to be tested would be foreign workers brought here. After that, testing will be gradually phased in for all visitors wishing to extend their visas for longer than the standard three months.

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Coalition condemns suffering

TORONTO — A unique coalition of Muslims, Christians and Jews has joined together to condemn the human suffering in Bosnia-Herzegovina while calling on Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to take a leadership role to stop the tragedy.

In a letter last week to the Prime Minister, the coalition called on the government to "mobilize international action to bring immediate relief to those who are suffering and to bring to an end the atrocities committed by all sides in this conflict."

The letter was signed by Gabriel Nachman, national president of B'nai Brith Canada, Dr. Morton Lang, president of the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism, Stephen State, national social action co-ordinator of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, Dr. Stuart Brown, general secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, Dr. Anwar Haque, vice-president of the Islamic Society of North America, Moe Seidman, president of the Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal and Rabbi Yehiel Benayon, executive director of Vaad Harabonim, Orthodox rabbinate of Toronto.

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Ritter extends term

OTTAWA — Robert Ritter has agreed to extend his term of service as the national executive director for the Canada-Israel Committee.

Following a detailed review with the personnel committee of the CIC, it was concluded that both the organization and the pro-Israel community could best be served if the current professional leadership remained intact.

"Originally, my intention was for the association between the CIC and me to run for a three-year period," commented Ritter. "That view was formed in the context of the Palestinian intifada and the Gulf War; I didn't believe that a longer association would necessarily be beneficial for either party. However, developments both in Canada and the Middle East have provided the CIC with an exciting opportunity and I realized I wanted to be part of that."

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Extremists mar rally

BERLIN — Left-wing extremists marred an unusually large German demonstration against racist violence by throwing stones and eggs at President Richard von Weizsacker, forcing him to interrupt his speech.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl was among the 300,000 Germans gathered at the Brandenberg Gate to express opposition to recent neo-Nazi violence against foreigners and anti-Semitic vandalism.

The president called on Germany to defend democracy.

"We should never forget the Weimar Republic failed not because there were too many Nazis but because there were too few democrats," he said.

The rally was held one day before the anniversary of both the 1938 Kristallnacht Nazi pogrom and the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall.

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New Supreme Court building

JERUSALEM — Israel's new Supreme Court building, described by the court's president as "the most beautiful building in Israel," was inaugurated here last week.

The new building is located adjacent to the Knesset and government offices, so that there is now one site representing the three branches of government: executive, legislative and judicial.

The new edifice replaces an old building at the Russian Compound in downtown Jerusalem, which served as Israel's Supreme Court since the early days of the state.

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Prague rabbi installed

PRAGUE — Rabbi Efraim Karol Sidon, rabbi of Prague since Rosh Hashanah, was installed last week as chief rabbi of the Czech republic.

As the only rabbi in the republic, he takes over the spiritual leadership of nine surviving Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia, with a total population of 3,000.

Vandals arrested

VIENNA — Five teen-agers, ages 16 to 18, were arrested last week by police authorities in Eisenstadt, following the desecration of 80 Jewish graves.

One 17-year-old boy confessed to the smearing of a swastika at a bus station but denied spraying anti-Semitic slogans at the Jewish cemetery. He is being kept in custody.

The Austrian interior minister has set up a special task force to investigate this desecration. Their findings seem to prove that this action was organized and executed with help from abroad. The letter found on location and claiming responsibility for the smearing shows similar semantics and misspellings to pamphlets found in German Ku Klux Klan groups.

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Gas mask distribution

JERUSALEM — Residents of six cities began to receive their new gas protection equipment last week as "Operation Thunder" officially began.

Distribution stations opened in Upper Nazareth, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Rishon Lezion, Jerusalem and Beersheba. More distribution centres are to open throughout the country in the coming months.

The new protective kits now are intended to last in regular home-storage conditions for 20 years. Kits that are damaged, however, will be replaced as needed, an army source said.

Unlike before the Gulf War, every person 6 or older is to get a mask individually fitted to his face.

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Fertility figure found

JERUSALEM — A unique mould-made clay figurine from the late Canaanite period (13th century BCE), depicting both the inside and outside of a female with twin embryos clutching her breasts, has been found at Tel Mikne near Revadim in the Negev.

The twins are enclosed by the woman's arms in a womb-like form. The hands open the vulva in preparation for birth. This startling combination suggests that the figurine was a Canaanite fertility goddess, possibly used as charm by women in childbirth.

On each thigh of the figurine is a depiction of an ibex standing by a tree, a symbol of life, growth and fertility common to a number of ancient Near East cultures.

The figurine may be related to Ashera, wife of El, head of the Ugaritic pantheon, also called Qudshu, or goddess of fertility. Ashera was also referred to as Rahmay, "the one of the womb" who appears in the Ugaritic myth recounting the birth of the divine twins Shahar and Shalim.

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Yacht rescued

TEL AVIV — Two giant Israeli air force helicopters flew more than 600 miles last week to rescue 10 passengers from a luxury yacht which struck a reef in the Red Sea, off the coast of Sudan.

Eight Israeli crew members of the Fantasy II remained on board the listing vessel to protect it against piracy as they waited to be towed for repairs to Sharm el-Sheikh, at the southern tip of Egyptian-controlled Sinai, or to Eilat.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Israel Defence Force chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, gave instructions for evacuation of passengers adrift 47 miles off a hostile Sudanese coast.

Sudanese authorities were undoubtedly aware of the rescue operation but did nothing either to help or to interfere with it.

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Hungarian's remarks anger Jews

BUDAPEST — A defensive Hungarian foreign minister asserted last week that "the more anti-Semitism is mentioned, the more difficult it is to smooth the problem."

Geza Jeszensky was responding to American Jewish leaders who urged forceful condemnation by the government of slurs against the Jews voiced by a vice president of the Hungarian Democratic Forum, Istvan Csurka.

Jeszensky, who said he plans to visit Israel soon, urged an attitude of tolerance toward Csurka, who last August published an anti-Semitic tract in the party newspaper and has spoken out in his weekly Sunday radio program against what he sees as undue Jewish influence in various spheres.

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Germany arrests soldiers

BONN — Three German soldiers have been arrested for complicity in manslaughter and another 21 are being investigated in connection with neo-Nazi violence, racist propaganda and off-duty attacks on foreigners in this country.

The defence ministry said the three were skinheads who had been drafted and were fighting among themselves.

In addition, the armed forces confirmed that seven other soldiers had been arrested for less serious crimes, including arson attacks on hostels for refugees, desecrations of Jewish cemeteries or memorials and displaying Nazi symbols.

Front Line

Peace would drastically change politics in Israel

By ERIC LEE

Let us imagine the unthinkable: peace breaks out tomorrow in the Middle East.

For four decades, the dominant theme in Israeli politics has been the debate over the conflict. For a quarter century, left and right in Israel have been defined by attitudes toward the question of borders.

In a sense, since the birth of the Jewish state in 1948, there has been no politics, at least not in the way politics is practiced in the West.

In Canada, for many years the main political parties have been Liberal, Conservative and Social Democratic. The same is true of Britain. Most European countries share that basic breakdown. It is also widely understood that political parties tend to reflect the economic and social interests of particular groups.

Working people and their trade unions are represented, for example, by parties like the NDP in Canada or Labor in Britain.

In Israeli politics, this has never been the case. For some time now, most working class people have been voting for the right-wing parties, the Likud and its satellites. Upper middle-class people (and even some of the rich) have voted for the Israel Labor Party — which is, officially, a socialist party to this day.

Because the Jewish-Arab conflict has been not only the dominant theme of our politics but, in fact its *only* theme, all other matters have been put aside.

If peace were to break out, all that would change. Israeli politics would undergo a process of normalization. Most likely, liberal, conservative and social democratic parties would emerge. Already, liberal and conservative groupings exist, and there is a widespread consensus in the country that privatization and a free market are no solutions to our numerous social and economic problems.

Until early 1992, a party existed in Israel which paralleled Canada's NDP, a social democratic party based on Israel's working class (with a strong base among the country's farmers, just like the NDP). It was called the United Workers Party, and was better known by its Hebrew acronym, "Mapam."

Mapam was an independent party for about 20 years following the birth of the Jewish state, and built a substantial following among industrial workers, kibbutz members and Israeli Arabs. In the late 1960s, Mapam entered into a long-term coalition agreement with the Labor Party, ending that only when Labor joined Likud to form 1984's National Unity Government.

At that moment, Mapam was, in effect, reborn. In the 1988 Knesset election, polls initially showed Mapam receiving less than the one percent required to take a Knesset seat. But on election night, Mapam astonished the experts and won three seats. A year later, the party took nearly 10 percent of the vote in the elections to the Histadrut, picking up nearly 100,000 votes.

High hopes were placed on the old-new party, and not only by its own members. It was widely believed that Mapam had the ability, because of its social democratic platform, to win working-class voters away from the Likud and bring them over to the Left, to the peace camp. The 1989 Histadrut elections seemed to confirm that trend.

But earlier this year, following a stormy and prolonged debate within the party, Mapam opted to go into another coalition, this time with the liberal Ratz and Shinui parties. The alliance with Shinui was especially problematic, as the latter party had explicitly right-wing, free market positions on social and economic questions. The common ground of the three parties was their support for the peace process, for a compromise with the Palestinians.

Proponents of the new coalition, called "Meretz," argued that it would increase the parties' representation in the Knesset from 10 seats to 15 or 18 seats. But on election night, June 23, Meretz came in with a disappointing 12 seats.

Recently, political scientist Gadi Yatziv, a former Mapam Knesset member, blasted the decision to join Meretz and took the party leadership to task for the election failure. According to surveys done by Labor Party analysts, and reported by Yatziv, Mapam would have taken an additional Knesset seat from the Likud had it run independently. Furthermore, it turned out that the three parties of Meretz, collectively took only half a seat away from Likud — it was Labor under Rabin's leadership which pulled tens of thousands away from the right to win the victory.

As for the liberal-rightist Shinui party, polls now show that the majority of its supporters, something the area of sixty percent, broke ranks and refused to back Meretz, costing it a whole seat.

What does this all have to do with the normalization of Israeli politcs?

If Rabin carries through with his program, we will have Palestinian autonomy by next spring. By June 1996, we will have had three years' experience with Palestinian self-rule, the intifada will be long gone, and the process of reconciliation with our Arab neighbor states well under way. Israel will be ready for new elections and a referendum on the peace process, and its nationalist right will not be strong enough to make a difference any more.

During this time, and certainly after, the economic and social issues which now dominate the inner pages of our daily newspapers will hit page one. Massive unemployment, slow economic growth, social inequity, racism, the crisis in agriculture, ecological issues, feminism — all of these will become central themes in Israeli politics in the mid and late 1990s. A social democratic party, leading the democratic Left, will have issues to address and a following to lead.

But where is Israel's social democratic party? Labor long ago abandoned any pretense of being a party of the left, though large numbers of Labor supporters are still active in Israel's labor movement. Only Mapam fought vigorously for social justice and equality, for the rights of workers and the poor. But Mapam today is buried deep in coalition with two liberal parties, its voice on social issues stifled by the need for unity.

Gadi Yatziv offers a sensible proposal for renewing Israel's democratic left: a merger between Mapam and Ratz (which has a social democratic wing), without the liberal capitalist Shinui party. But it is possible to suggest an even more radical step: a merger between Mapam and the Labor Party.

More than 30 years ago, Canadian politics were permanently changed by the formation of the New Democratic Party, based on the trade unionists of the CLC and the social democrats of the CCF.

Israeli politics would also be revoutionized by a Mapam-Labor union in which the ideological socialists and farmer-kibbutzniks of Mapam (like the CCP of old) would catalyze the larger bloc and build the party of the democratic left which can lead Israel into the 21st century.

(Eric Lee, a member of Kibbutz Ein Dor, is author of From Saigon to Jerusalem: Conversations with Israel's Vietnam Veterans (McFarland, 1992.)

Life is no bed of roses for some Jews in Israel

By WENDOLYN KAUFFMAN

On a beautiful summer day, I walked through the streets of Dalet Mercaz in Beersheba, Israel. Like the Pied Piper, trailed behind me children of all shapes and sizes. But these children do not live in a fairy tale. They live in Dalet Mercaz.

Here garbage dumps overflow onto the streets because the city has run out of money to pay the collectors; too many women walk around with bruised faces after having been beaten; and unattended children play into the late hours of the night.

It was on this beautiful day that I saw heroin for the first time. As we entered the park, there sat two boys, not yet of army age, with sleeves rolled up and syringes plunged deeply into their arms.

The most astonishing aspect was not my shock at having seen something I had only viewed at the movies, but rather that the children did not seem to notice. To these children, this was normal!

There is, however, another side to this horror story. Living among the misfortunate are some of the finest people I have ever encountered. I recall my neighbors, who from the first day, extended open invitations to their homes; the toothless old lady who blessed me every time I walked by; the bank clerk waving and smiling brilliantly as if eagerly anticipating my arrival.

Pretty gardens in front of the densely-populated housing complexes brighten the area — just one of the many traces of Project Renewal. A bomb shelter has been converted into a temporary thrift shop where people can buy used clothing at extremely reduced prices. The district, divided into smaller subsections, is monitored attentively by para-professional social workers. They also come from the community and therefore are empathetic and accessible.

Support groups of every nature have been created to teach the residents how to cope with and improve their situation. One in particular stands out in mind. It was a weekly group meeting arranged for women. At one session, a social worker handed each lady a large piece of Plasticine with which they were asked to mould the figures of their family. Not one lady created the image of her husband. Apart from making a small monetary contribution, the men in the community seem virtually non-existent.

The problem, however, is this: there are renewal projects, but there is little money to support their full potential; there is a new thrift shop, but understaffing keeps it closed the majority of the week; there are support groups available, but it is hard to create awareness and stress their importance to those at which they are aimed.

As I look through my journal entries from the beginning of the summer, I find myself repeatedly reading two sentences. "We can try to the best of our ability to understand these people, but sympathy is a far cry from empathy. They are so deeply involved in their horrific lives that even if we stayed here for the rest of our living years we would not succeed at simply conditioning them to say 'please'."

How terribly wrong I was to dismiss this situation as hopeless. To forget that the fabric of the community is living people. People who want the chance to change, but require guidance.

Generous donations from the Montreal community (Beersheba's twin city) have helped, but money alone will not solve the troubles of Dalet Mercaz. What is also needed desperately are people volunteering their time.

I used to wonder what was the magnet that draws so many of us to Israel each year. Is it the warm weather, the historical sites or the welcoming yeshivas and universities? Then I would ask myself what do we, outside of Israel, supply in return? How easy it is for us to criticize, but what have we personally done to change the situation?

Then I would console my guilty conscience reminding myself that I am a student with little income and that I come from far away. Once again I was wrong. Eleven volunteers lived in one of many Israeli communities that most do not picture when dreaming of "the land of milk and honey." We made a difference!

(Wendolyn Kauffman is a student at Western University who spent her sumnmer as a volunteer at Dalet Mercaz.)

German newspaper discredits revisionist's report

By ERIK THOMSEN

The Leuchter Report, which denies that there were gas chambers at Auschwitz, has been publicly discredited — in Germany. In the October 2 issue of the German newspaper *Die Zeit*, an article by Till Bastian argues that moral objections to Leuchter are not enough: his "facts" must be examined and refuted.

He did not write the report on his own initiative. In 1985, in Toronto, Ernst Zundel appealed a 15-month sentence for disseminating writings which denied the Holocaust; the Ontario Court of Appeals ordered a retrial. The case attracted the interest of French revisionist Robert Faurisson, who consulted Zundel — then contacted Leuchter, who is a specialist in American gas chambers.

On February 25, 1988, financed by Zundel, Leuchter flew to Poland to inspect the camps at Auschwitz and Maidanek. With him were his wife, an artist, a photographer and an interpreter. One week later, he returned to the United States; by April 5, he completed his 132-page report. It did not much impress the Court of Appeals which, on May 11, sentenced Zundel to nine months in prison, without parole.

Leuchter claims to have taken samples from the walls of the Auschwitz and Birkenau gas chambers; no critical witnesses saw him do so. He says the samples show only the faintest traces of prussic acid (the non-gaseous form of Cyclon B, which was used in the executions); yet, in December 1945, the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Krakow, Poland, reported that prussic acid was found in hair taken from corpses at Auschwitz.

Unlike U.S. gas chambers, Leuchter maintains, those in the camps could not be sealed, pre-heated or ventilated, and hence could not be used for executions. Why, then, are there order forms for airtight doors in the archives at Auschwitz? In any case, comparison with American installations is invalid. To kill a single person with Cyclon B, pre-heating is required: prussic acid becomes a gas only at 26°C. The Nazis crowded their chambers with victims whose body heat raised the temperature to that point.

A roomful of terrified people, gasping for air and screaming, will inhale more gas per person, more quickly — and thus leave fewer traces on the walls — than one prisoner strapped to a chair. Moreover, American gas chambers use 11 times the lethal dose per person; the Nazis used much less. On September 4, 1941 — the day after one of the first mass executions with gas at Auschwitz, killing 850 people — some victims were still alive.

These are the major, but not the only flaws in Leuchter's document. As the most thorough study of the subject, in contrast, Bastian cites French pharmacologist Jean-Claude Pressac's *Auschwitz, Technique and Operation of the Gas Chambers (New York, 1989)*.

The Leuchter report was published in German in 1988. In March 1989, it appeared in England, as *The Leuchter Report. The First Forensic Examination of Auschwitz*, with a foreword by revisionist author David Irving. That same year, Irving re-issued his biography of Hitler. Its first edition, in 1975, had been attacked by historians for claiming that Hitler did not know of the mass murder of Jews; the new edition did not even mention the extermination camp at Auschwitz.

Although not a pofessional historian, Irving generally knows his sources thoroughly. How could he *not* know that Goebbels' diaries, which he himself published (under the auspices of the *Times* of London!), indicate that Hitler knew what went on and took part in all decisions? While Bastian's main focus is on Leuchter, he debunks Irving as well.

Neo-Nazis, to be sure, are not perturbed by their own contradictions. Their informal utterances, like slogans or graffiti, often express a wish to send their victims to Auschwitz and gas them; their written documents, on the other hand, deny or minimize the Holocaust.

While the facts are established, Bastian concludes, the motives are not fully understood; and what is too monstrous to grasp easily, people tend to deny or minimize — especially if it seems to show them in a bad light. Even so, with Leuchter discredited, Zundel loses a major support; so does Irving. Irving, for his part, is more culpable than either of them: he knows more, but ignores what does not suit him.

It is to be hoped that the knowledge Bastian draws on will be widely disseminated — not only in Germany. As the generation which fought Hitler grows old, their knowledge must be passed on; those with a stake in denying it must be confronted. Legislation is not stopping them: they are determined enough to spread their ideas illegally. In the long run, the only reliable weapons against them are reason and fact.

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Time to get tough

The anniversary of Kristallnacht, that dreadful night of November 9, 1938 on which 91 Jews died, 30,000 were sent to concentration camps and hundreds of synagogues and Jewish shops and homes were set ablaze throughout Germany, has always been a time for Jews and Germans to remember one of the defining events of Nazism. The shards of broken glass which gave that night its name have been the lens through which we have, ever since, looked on the beginning of the open war against the Jews. Kristallnacht must be forever regarded as a warning of what can happen when racism is not confronted, by ordinary people and by their leaders.

This year, the fifty-fourth anniversary of Kristallnacht took place amidst a rising tide of xenophobia in Germany that has prompted massive protest marches by hundreds of thousands of ordinary Germans. These Germans, many of whom were born after World War II, have no difficulty in understanding that attacks on Turks, gypsies, blacks and other racial minorities stem from the same kind of hatred that murdered Jews half a century ago.

But there is a significant minority who are not marching against racism, and who, in a frightening echo of the Thirties, are excusing the violence on the grounds of the economic dislocation brought about by unification. It is true that the price of German unity has been higher than either the prosperous west or the ravaged east anticipated. It is also true that Germany's asylum law, framed in contrition for the plight of German Jewish refugees turned away by Western democracies — including Canada — is the most generous in the world. But the attacks on refugee hostels have clearly been racially motivated; and they are on the increase. In the first nine months of 1992, ten "auslanders" [foreigners] were killed, compared with three in all of 1991; during that same period there were 405 arson and bomb attacks on foreign refugees (383 in 1991). No democracy, whatever the state of its economy, can tolerate this kind of violence.

German leaders cannot wait for prosperity to act. Moving refugees out of hostels, as they have been doing, only encourages the neo-Nazi thugs to attack more hostels. Tightening up the asylum laws now will do nothing to protect those refugees already there.

What is needed is united and determined action by the German federal and state governments, and the leaders of both the Christian Democratic Union and the Social Democratic Party, to stop the violence. Neo-Nazi groups should be banned; perpetrators of violence should be arrested, held in jail rather than released into the arms of their supporters, and brought to trial swiftly.

The hundreds of thousands who marched in Berlin and Bonn last week were resolved that their towns and cities should never again be filled with the sound of shattering glass and the stench of burning. Their leaders must match that resolve.

Stop the carnage

The greatest threat to the safety of the citizens of Israel may not, as so many believe, come from missiles, artillery shells and bullets, but from the destruction of human life on the highways of that nation.

In the week that five Israeli soldiers lost their lives to a Hezbollah land mine in southern Lebanon, 15 other Israelis died in traffic accidents. Among the most recent victims were the president of Hebrew University, Yoram Ben-Porath, his wife and their 5-year-old son. The driver of the other vehicle has been charged with manslaughter.

During the intifada, which began almost five years ago, 116 Israelis have been murdered by terrorists; over the same period, more than 2,300 people have been killed in automobile accidents, including two young Canadian sisters.

It is of little comfort to observe that Israel is not the worst country in the world in terms of per capita automobile accidents. Nor is it sufficient to explain that the vehicular mayhem which appears to be a staple in Israel may be a by-product of the stressful conditions under which Israelis are forced to live.

The problem is that highway deaths have not, until now, prompted the kind of visceral response that the murder of innocent citizens does. Yet both sap Israel's morale and its confidence in the future.

That may be changing. In his eulogy for Ben-Porath, Israeli President Chaim Herzog referred to the carnage as "Moloch," the ancient heathen god of human sacrifice. "How long?" he cried, as many mourners wept.

If his words, and their tears, are not to be in vain, Israeli bravado on the roads must be replaced with discipline. The authorities could help in changing public attitudes by displaying some of the stringency they have applied to deterring terrorism.

Much stronger enforcement and punitive measures need to be taken in order to protect the safety of the hundreds of thousands of Israelis and visitors who use Israel's highways every day.

PROTEST AGAINST RACISM

Members of the November 9 Coalition, a coalition of anti-racist organizations, gathered last week in front of the German consulate in Toronto to protest rising racism and attacks on immigrants in Germany. The protest took place on Nov. 9 — the 54th anniversary of Kristallnacht and the second anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. [Ron Csillag photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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JEWS ARE COMPLACENT

On Yom Kippur, I was riding in an elevator downtown, when an elderly lady asked me if I was Jewish. I replied yes, and she asked me why I was not in synagogue. I told her that it was only this morning that I was discussing with my mother the question of whether you had to go to synagogue to be a good Jew. I continued by saying that I visit Israel as much as I can and that I am a dedicated Jew. At this remark she suddenly responded by saying, "So this is what is happening now, isn't it." She could not have been more right!

What is happening today is the deterioration of the Jewish people. People are complacent, knowing that there is an Israel, therefore they do not need to practice their Jewish religion. It will be in my life time that we see the extinction of the Yiddish language, and the way things are going there will eventually be no one practicing Judaism in North America. The sad part of it all is that there are so many Jewish people today that have not visited Israel. Today, people send their children to summer camps, when they should be sending them to Israel. If we as Jews are losing a certain identity in the Diaspora, it can only be revitalized with our dedication to our homeland.

The future of the Jewish people lies in the success and safety of Israel. We lost our homeland once, when there were twice as many Jews as there are now, who were more dedicated to their religion. We can not afford to lose Israel again.

Jon Lewis
Toronto

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JEWS IN LITHUANIA

Re Sheldon Kirshner's series of articles on the life, culture, education and history of Jews in Lithuania and their relations with the Western world.

We found the articles very touching, the information and facts seemed very real and true. We appreciate Mr. Kirshner's great interest in the problems of Jews residing in Lithuania and hope that by applying mutual efforts we can solve at least some of them. We wish him the best of luck in his endeavors.

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ISRAEL SHELTERS MUSLIMS

I came across a heartwarming story recently of a Jewish family which had been sheltered from the Nazis by a Muslim family in Yugoslavia during World War II. Now the Jewish family has returned the favor by spiriting the Muslim family out of Sarajevo to their home in Israel. Earlier, Israel agreed to shelter fugitive Muslims from Sudan and Iran, in danger of their lives from these regimes.

By way of contrast, a U.S. Jewish businessman finally gave up in disgust his fight against a ban on Jews entering Saudi Arabia. The Saudis had relented, but marked his visa (in Arabic only) "Yahood" — Jew, i.e. "not welcome."

Many Western countries, including Canada, the United States and Israel are making considerable efforts to reduce the suffering of the people of Bosnia and Somalia — both through government action and private fundraising. Whatever the fabulously wealthy Arab countries are doing remains a deep, dark secret. If the Arab League budgeted a minute portion of the billions spent on new arms on food instead, no one would be dying of hunger in Somalia — incidentally, also a member of the League.

Further, in addition to receiving hundreds of Jewish children from Yugoslavia, Israel encouraged its Arab citizens to invite 3,000 Muslim children to stay with them as long as desired. I would be pleased to hear what the Arab/Muslim countries (who are so quick to condemn Israel for *any* action) have done in this area, or in any other way, to help the victims of the hells of Yugoslavia or Somalia.

Isadore (Yitzhak) Kalin
Ottawa

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K.-W. REACTION TO IRVING

As three of the participants in the Kitchener-Waterloo reaction to the impending Irving visit, we wish to point out an error in Ron Csillag's comments in his recent article, Vigils Held Outside Store of David Irving Supporter. (*CJN*, Oct. 29)

Contrary to the suggestion contained in the article, the local community has developed its own response to Irving..

The demonstrations outside of Rothe's store were started by a non-Jewish member of the public here (Jeff Shallot). In addition, Rabbi Levy headed up the organizing of a city-wide rally which was to take place on Nov. 12. As part of this, Rabbi Levy was successful in negotiating the approval by an all local Christian church coordinating committee of a letter opposing Irving and Holocaust denial. In addition, local members of the community had begun the process of galvanizing the elected politicians to sign a letter of support.

At the community meeting attended by David Satok and Bernie Farber, one of the undersigned, both acknowledged that the local community had the matter under control and had already started work on every idea the brought with them.

The Kitchener-Waterloo community gratefully appreciate the support from the national and regional bodies in Toronto of the CJC and B'nai Brith.

Simon Adler
Waterloo
Paul Walman
Kitchener
Bernie Farber
Toronto

Correction

The address given in the letter *A Zaida's Plea* in the Nov. 5 edition was incorrect and incomplete. Replies should be addressed to Elena Bochorishvili, 4735 Carlton Avnue, Montreal, H3W 1G5, tel. [514] 738-5039.

Opinion

Every family must help disadvantaged

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Today's column will deal with three items, all of them related by their challenge to society.

The homeless: No one will argue that the presence of homeless people in Canada — the country which is considered to be the most desirable place to live in the world, according to recent surveys — is a blight on our society, a moral disgrace which we have been slow to recognize and even slower to confront.

Israel does better in this respect, even though, in comparison to Canada, it is a country with far fewer resources. According to a dispatch which I read in a recent issue of the *Jewish Post and Opinion*, Israel too has its homeless people, but they have resolved to do something about it. Here's their method.

In Tel Aviv, a search for street people sleeping on benches, in bus shelters, parks or stairwells, is conducted by a special agency of the community. Once an assessment is made that someone is in need of help (which does not include those who have temporary trouble in finding housing) they are assigned to one of two hotels. The next step is psychiatric and medical care which, if needed, is given the homeless. They are then treated individually by a social worker who seeks to provide the tools required to get them back on their feet. "After that they are provided with legal or financial assistance and advice which of the many government agencies might be of assistance," explains the article.

But even this has not quite solved the problem, because some 30 to 40 percent of the homeless are alcoholics and people on drugs. There are still about a hundred homeless people in Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Plaut

Suicide. For a good number of years I have been a director of the Toronto Distress Centre, an organization devoted to crisis intervention, in particular to the prevention of threat suicides. Patricia Harnisch, in her capacity as executive director of Toronto Distress Centre Two, recently attended the 25th anniversary convention of the American Association of Suicidology, which surveyed the progress which has been made over the last quarter century and the difficulties still ahead. Ms. Harnisch writes:

"Special grief/crisis counselling services for people bereaved by suicide, using self-help and other models such as the Toronto Survivor Support Program, are now to be found in the most major North American cities. Public education in suicide prevention, spearheaded by the association, ranges from special school outreach programs to the promotion of Suicide Prevention Week in May each year.

Yet despite all these significant efforts, has there been any breakthrough in the understanding of suicide and its prevention? It seems that we may now be on the verge of several major advances, and these may be triggered by outside forces. The rapid escalation of global migrations, for example, forces all of us to re-examine the significance of cultural and racial differences. This is another field in which Jews can make an important contribution, for family cohesion plays a great part in suicide prevention. But we are not immune to the problem, far from it.

Human Rights. For some time now I have been adjudicating human rights cases. To my distress, I have found that many people, and a few Jews among them, are on the whole no longer as concerned with human rights as they once were. Time was when we belonged to society's excluded classes, when as Jews we had a tough time joining the mainstream. We had to found our own hospitals, clubs and other facilities in order to provide access for our people to social solutions which were available to others.

But that time has passed and we are part of the mainstream, even though there is still a fair amount of residual anti-Semitism around, but I don't know any Jews who worry about not being able to join this or that country club. Other minorities look at us and consider that the Jews have made it in Canada (as they have in the United States). Indeed we have, to all intents and purposes.

But I should have thought that, along with making it, we would have rescued some memories of the past — and not merely the memories of the Holocaust. Over 30 times in the Torah we are reminded, for instance, to treat a foreigner or alien (Hebrew *ger*), as one of us. The reason for doing this is constantly kept before our eyes, because the Torah concludes the admonition by saying, ". . . for you yourselves were strangers once in the land of Egypt."

Unfortunately, it seems that all too often we forget how it was only a few decades ago. If many of our adults have already forgotten, how can we expect our young people to remember? It seems to me that it is a prime responsibility of every family to stand firmly with those whom we call the disadvantaged in our society; people who have not yet made it and who are struggling today the way we were struggling a little while ago. We looked for allies then, we looked for understanding and compassion and were often disgusted when we ran up against a stone wall.

The disadvantaged have those same feelings to day and we must guard against becoming part of the stone wall.

Violence becomes a tool in negotiations

By MOSHE ZAK

Faisal Husseini recently threw down the gauntlet at cabinet members who wanted to absolve the Palestinians who are negotiating with Israel from any suspicion of involvement in the latest acts of violence. This last wave of terrorism, those cabinet members had explained, was directed by Palestinians who oppose talks with Israel.

But Husseini isn't ready to accept an Israeli indulgence, to attribute the terror to the rejectionist groups. In an interview with *Al Hamishmar*, he submits a sophisticated justification for the actions of the armed, masked, attackers.

"Violence does not necessarily arise from the acts of the 10 [dissident] organizations," Husseini said. He explained that "there is a group of wanted men who feel that the [army's] 'special forces' are out to destroy them physically. Thus they seek the best weapons and training and prepare for the worst case, in order to defend themselves as well as possible. This raises their prestige and gets additional youths to join them, out of admiration."

In other words, it isn't the gangs of murderers killing Palestinians and Jews who are guilty of terrorism, but the special forces who attempt to capture them and impel many young Palestinians to join those gangs.

Husseini deserves appreciation for his candor, for not trying to hide behind the backs of the rejectionist organizations, for presenting the Israeli public with the naked truth. Put more simply, he wants the "Black Panthers" and "Black Eagles" under Fatah control to have freedom of action. He doesn't want them to be restricted in their axe and pistol attacks against any Palestinian in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

But he doesn't state his wish in quite those words. Instead, he refers to the pursuit of the "wanted men" as though they were innocent people, fearful of their fate.

In 1968, Nablus notable Hikmat Al-Masri, reacting to the idea of autonomy in the territories, once said to Moshe Sasson, adviser to premier Levi Eshkol: "I am interested in your lashing us with rods to hurt us, so the people will rise against your rule; and here you are proposing a comfortable regime for us, one of home rule. That is why I cannot go along."

Faisal Husseini is more sophisticated. He doesn't reject negotiations on autonomy outright, because the intifada leadership now has the means to accompany the talks with the "background music" of violent terror, to demolish the framework of five interim years, bringing the outcome closer to the objective: a Palestinian state.

Menachem Begin once admitted that he lacked the strength of former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher: unlike her, he could not stand firm when prisoners went on a hunger strike till they died.

During the strike by Palestinian security prisoners, there was no such danger. On the evidence of a Knesset member who is also a physician, the 1,500 calories each prisoner received daily, in addition to bakery products, ensured their health.

Those ministers who emerged from a cabinet meeting patting themselves on the back for setting up a commission to examine the prisoners' conditions and thereby easing tension in the territories, immediately realized their mistake. Acts of terror increased, compelling Israel to resort to forceful measures to put them down.

It is not unlikely that energetic Israeli reaction to the new wave of terror indirectly prodded the Jordanians into agreement with Israel on an agenda in Washington. Jordan agreed to include the clause referring to a peace treaty between the two countries, and did not insist on including Jerusalem in the framework of the territories in dispute between Israel and the Arabs.

Earlier, the Jordanians looked on worriedly while Israel wooed the Syrians and Palestinians. When the Palestinians dashed to the UN Security Council to complain about Israel's military reactions, Jordan seized the opportunity to open the first public dialogue between Israel and Jordan - public, because, in contrast to the agreement in Washington that the joint agenda document would be kept under wraps, Jordanian newspapers published the entire agreement.

The publicity benefited Jordan, as PLO leaders hastened to Amman, requesting negotiations with the Jordanian government on the revision embodied in the Israeli-Jordanian document drafted in Washington.

The Palestinians, and not just the rejectionists among them, don't want to lose control of violence as a device in the negotiations. Terrorism is a weapon in their political war; what they want is to unleash the bulldozer of American pressure against Israel by exploiting the US's special sensitivity to human rights. The Palestinian delegation in Washington longs for this bulldozer; it is attempting to use the "wanted men" Faisal Husseini is so concerned about to accelerate its implementation.

They are creating tension, expecting forceful Israel reaction, thus starting a cycle of American intervention.

Thus, for example, the note (published in *Palestinian Studies*) which former Secretary Baker sent to "Dear Faisal," notifying him that Baker had spoken to the Israeli government concerning his complaints about "the suffering of the Palestinian residents of the territories."

Those "wanted men" are no innocent creatures. They are a military group, whose aim is to increase tension in the region. They are working to move the Bush administration - in the little time it has left - to renew the U.S. dialogue with the PLO; and to impress the Clinton administration from the start that the region is a powder-keg which could explode at any moment if immediate American intervention is not forthcoming.

On the eve of a change of tenants in the White House, Israel must gird itself to confront these two possibilities. It must not be blinded by the conception that only the dissident Palestinian organizations are responsible for the shootings and bombings, the firebombs and axes.

This time Faisal Husseini was right, even if he didn't personally accept the responsibility.

(Moshe Zak is a former senior editor of the daily Ma'ariv)

Post-trip welcome home is interesting

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

We have three children, so we experience, in complete detail, three different reactions to a parent's absence. If we had seven, eight or more children, as some of our neighbors do, we'd experience even more variety, but three versions are about all I can take.

In pursuit of family visits, fall leaves, business and recreation, I spent two weekends this month out of town. Before I left, I explained to each of the kids individually where I was going, what I would be doing and when I would be back. They were home with Daddy, caught up in their own routines, fed well by wonderful friends who invited them en masse for various Sabbath dinners and lunches, and surrounded with their familiar clutter. I figured they would be fine. And they were, at least until I got home.

I received three entirely different greetings when my taxi pulled up to my front yard. Gratifyingly, my oldest two both started with big hugs and shouts so I wasn't humiliated in front of the cab driver.

My oldest child is the world's youngest Jewish mother. She doesn't miss me as much as she frets about me, and about everything else. Once I'm back, she wants to put each fret to rest. I'm glad to allay her concerns, but I feel like I'm being grilled by a junior Barbara Walters: "How was your flight up? How did you get to the hotel from the airport? Did you like your bed? What did you eat? Did you have your toothbrush, and your special pillow, and your alarm clock? Did you have fun? What did you do for Sabbath? How was grandma? Have the leaves fallen yet? Was the car working? How did you get back to the airport? How did you know the plane would be on time?" And more and more. By the time she feels informed enough to stop worrying, I'm an empty husk, drained of recollection, as fully debriefed as a NASA astronaut reporting back to the Cape.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

My middle daughter does nothing by halves. When she dresses up in a costume (her favorite occupation), everything must be perfect, from the rhinestone tiara to the gold lame scuffs. Just slipping into a sparkling tutu won't do. When she participates in something, she throws herself into it full tilt, with no restraint. She's an all out kid, and thus an all out "misser."

She begins mourning the minute I take the suitcase out of the hall closet, whether I'm actually going anywhere or not. ("False alarm, honey, I was only looking for bobby pins.") This is not to say that she pays much attention to me when I am home, only that she doesn't like anyone to leave, at least not without taking her along. Although leaving her is a vale of tears (we're an emotional pair), returning to her is a fiesta of joy. She hugs, kisses, weeps and hovers. She clings, sings and dances. Men have returned from the battlefield with less fanfare than she creates after a two-day business trip.

She misses passionately, constantly, from three or four days before a trip begins until a full week after it is over. Every pre- and post-voyage conversations brings tears to her eyes and a quiver to her lips; she begs for telephone calls and fill them with trembling emotion. In September, her final grade teacher showed her how to keep a journal. One of her initial entries was, "I miss my mom." She repeated it a few days later.

"You must be gone a lot," her concerned teacher said to me. "She really misses you."

"Oh, no, we haven't been gone," I assured the teacher at the time. "We've been home, giving her plenty of attention and doing her homework and reading stories with her every day." Then I added a warning, "It's a lot worse if we actually go."

The baby, with all the insouciance of little boyhood, won't deign to let me know he misses me. He can't be bothered.

When I got out of the cab last Sunday, I saw him ahead of me on the sidewalk, next to my husband. The baby was holding the dog's leash and marching along, sneakers plopping hard on the sidewalk, to keep up with the cocker spaniel.

I got out of the cab, kissed the girls again, and ran toward the baby with my arms out. "Mommy's back, sweetheart," I called, heading his way.

But, although my husband offered a warm welcome, the baby just marched right past me. He just wasn't ready yet to let me off the hook for having had the gall to leave him in the first place.

Maybe it's simpler to take them along and dispense with all their modes of missing. I could do all the missing, instead. I'd miss the dog, the baby sitter, the school teacher, the costume box, all the backup, diversions and entertainments home offers small children.

Mostly, I would miss missing them. Somehow, the questions, the tears, the snubs and the silliness are more endearing and easier to cope with, when, for just a day or two, I haven't had to cope with anything at all.

Features

Italian Fascism attracted some Jews

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The ideology of fascism is anathema to any Jew who has even the slightest appreciation of history. In the 1930s and 1940s, fascist states demeaned, isolated, persecuted and killed its Jewish citizens. But Italian fascism was somewhat different. For a fairly lengthy period of time, the fascist leadership in Italy was not antagonistic to Jews.

From 1922 — the year Benito Mussolini swept into office — until the first anti-Jewish law in 1938, Italian fascism usually was not an intimidating force vis-a-vis the Jewish community. Indeed, when Hitler was vigorously persecuting German Jews, Italian Jews prospered and Jewish membership in the Italian Fascist party was far from uncommon. With apparent sincerity, Mussolini could proclaim: "Race! It's a feeling, not a reality... National pride has no need of the delirium of race."

The strange phenomenon of the temporary affinity between some Italian Jews and fascism is, in part, the subject of Alexander Stille's utterly fascinating book, *Benevolence and Betrayal* (Summit Books, $25 U.S.). Its title is apt, as it bears testimony to the fact that the experience of Italian Jewry under Mussolini's brand of fascism was a melange of the positive and the negative.

Stille, an American writer who lives in Italy, powerfully recreates the paradox of Jewish life under fascism by focusing on five northern Italian Jewish families.

The Ovazzas of Turin, as chiefly exemplified by Ettore Ovazza, enthusiastically embraced fascism. The Faos of Turin, as mainly illustrated by Vittorio Fao, fought against fascism. The Di Verolas of Rome's ghetto were besieged by fascism. The Teglios of Genoa combatted fascism with the aid of the Catholic church. The Schonheits of Ferrara more or less turned a blind eye to fascism, only to be traumatized by it.

To this reviewer, the most compelling, resonant segment of *Benevolence and Betrayal* turns on Ettore Ovazza, who was a paradigm of that most bizarre of relationships — the unrequited love affair between Italian fascism and like-minded chauvinistic Jews.

Ovazza, who had been an army officer in World War I, was a true believer. In October 1922, he participated in the historic March on Rome that installed his hero, Mussolini, in power. Ovazza was not unique. For a not inconsiderable number of Italy's 47,000 Jews, fascism was a heartfelt cause. Stille estimates that by the late 1930s, about one out of every three Jewish adults belonged to the Fascist party.

Assimilated and patriotic, the Ovazzas were Italians to the core. The family helped raise money in the Jewish community for Giuseppe Garibaldi's 19th century expedition to invade Sicily and unite it with the Italian mainland. And, as Ettore Ovazza never tired of saying, seven of the legendary thousand men who set sail with Garibaldi were Jews.

When the first signs of anti-Semitism surfaced in Italy in 1934, Ovazza, rather than being disillusioned, founded a Jewish pro-fascist organization. La Nostra Bandiera (Our Flag), which published a newspaper under the same name, was designed to show the government that Jews were among the regime's most fiercely loyal followers.

Ovazza's strategy of building ties with regime failed

Ovazza, who was the president of the Turin Jewish community, waged a battle on two fronts — defending Jews against anti-Semites while attacking Zionist and anti-fascist Jews whose supposed lack of patriotism placed all the others under suspicion.

To be sure, the Fascist party appreciated Ovazza. In 1935 the government made him a Knight of the Colonial Order of the Star of Italy for his generous contributions to the development of the Italian colony in Libya. A year later, amidst an avalanche of anti-Semitic articles in the Italian press, Ovazza received an invitation to participate in the honor guard that stood watch outside the tomb of Italy's royal family in Turin.

Benito Mussolini

Nevertheless, Ovazza's strategy of building bridges between the Jewish community and the fascist regime was an abysmal failure — partly because Mussolini temporarily championed Zionism (so long as his relations with Germany were poor), and partly because Mussolini's attitude to Jews was totally expedient. His policy, Stille correctly observes, "depended on larger political interests and not on the loyalty or disloyalty of Italian Jews."

In 1938, within months of each other, Mussolini promulgated two anti-Semitic racial laws. Blindly, Ovazza accepted them as a "necessary sacrifice." His myopic perception of reality was adopted as the official position of Turin's Jewish community. After much debate, its governing council passed a resolution of unqualified support for the government.

What's more, Ovazza and his camp followers devised a desperate plan to remind Mussolini of the Jews' unswerving fealty to fascism. As monstrous as it sounds today, Ovazza proposed to burn down the offices of the Zionist newspaper *Israel* in Florence. He and a few acolytes set fire to *Israel's* premises, but much to Ovazza's disappointment, the attack elicited no official government response.

Stille argues that the second series of racial laws, passed on Nov. 17, 1938, "killed off" what was still left of the Jewish fascist movement.

Fascist Jews like Ovazza, who had been exempted from some of the provisions of the first edict, were reduced to the same second-class status as all other Jews. They were expelled from the civil service and the armed forces, as well as the Fascist party. They were forbidden from owning businesses with more than 100 employees.

The screws were further tightened in June 1939, when Jews were banned from the professions. In desperation, some 5,700 Jews converted to Christianity.

Although stripped of his civil rights and his dignity, Ovazza remained loyal to fascism, believing that the anti-Semitic legislation would be rescinded after the war.

But anti-Semitism was not a mere aberration in fascism, something Ovazza pathetically never grasped.

In 1943, after the German invasion of Italy, he and his family fled to an Italian ski resort near Switzerland. But they could not escape their tormentors. The SS arrested — and killed — them.

Fascism, which had condemned so many other Jews throughout Europe, finally doomed Ettore Ovazza.

Syrians transplanted their world

By JONATHAN MARK

The Jews of Aleppo, a mercantile city in northern Syria, have transplanted their world to Brooklyn without missing a beat. It is doubtful that there is another Jewish town except for Jerusalem that has such an emotional grip on its expatriates.

Of the 35,000 Syrian Jews living along Ocean Parkway in Flatbush, almost all trace their roots to Aleppo. Some Brooklyn Syrians are from Dasmascus, but most Dasmascenes migrated to South America.

Jews of European descent rarely restrict themselves to those who share their great-grandparents' home towns; there may be 150 European towns whose descendants co-mingle in any major New York synagogue. Yet almost 100 years after leaving the Middle East, the Aleppans have their synagogues within a few blocks, and the Damascenes have theirs.

When the Syrians first landed in the teeming Jewish mix of the Lower East Side, Williamsburg and Bensonhurst, they often were discriminated against by those European Jews who dominated the community. The Europeans could not understand how anyone — like the Syrians — could be real Jews and not speak Yiddish or "Jewish."

Archival research by the Sephardic Community Center indicates that the Syrians and Europeans did not even share a basic recognition of menorahs, Sabbath candlesticks, Kiddush cups or Havdalah spice boxes.

In Aleppo, Chanukah and Sabbath flames were lit with only a wick and oil afloat in a bowl of water. Instead of a spice box, Syrians would use rosewater, perfume or mint leaves. Some speculate that Kiddush cups were not used by Syrians so as not to aggravate the prevailing Islamic culture that forbade alcoholic drinks.

The Syrians started establishing their private Flatbush enclave in the 1940s. They developed a community in which religion and organizations are only part of a larger fabric. This was a contrast to the ways of European Jews, whose ethnic affiliations are almost strictly along religious or organizational lines.

In return for everyone recognizing and respecting the authority of the local Syrian rabbinical council, Syrian synagogues are far more tolerant of members' personal religious behavior than are "European" Orthodox synagogues.

On the other hand, if a Syrian were to become a Reform or Conservative Jew, he or she could expect to be "boiled in oil," excluded from the community.

This religious elasticity has helped the Syrian rabbinate thwart any attempts by Conservative or Reform synagogues to establish a beachhead in the community.

Rabbi Zevulon Lieberman, administrator of the Syrian bet din, or religious court, and spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Torah, a predominantly Aleppan synagogue on Ocean Parkway, says: "The community has been moving very strongly into the Orthodox orbit; the younger generation is far more religious than the older. It has changed drastically.

"We are as strict as anyone. It just doesn't look that way because we don't wear long black coats and beards.

Deference to tradition is illustrated by the community's respect for elders. When a father or grandfather is called to the Torah, for example, his entire family stands at their seats. Afterward, the family kisses their father's hand. Sometimes non-family members stand and kiss an elder's hand.

When Syrians marry, they invariably stay in the community — 77 percent of American-Aleppan Jews live within two square miles, a four-generation phenomenon unheard of in American Jewish demographics.

The Syrians stand in stark contrast to other modern Jewish groups in avoiding intermarriage. Unofficially, it is estimated at less than 10 percent, compared to the national Jewish average of well over 50 percent. This is credited to a 1937 edict of the Syrian Sephardic Rabbinical Council — periodically reaffirmed by dozens of communal leaders — stipulating that any intermarried Syrian is "excommunicated."

Even if the non-Jewish spouse undergoes an Orthodox conversion, intermarriage is still forbidden. Any Syrian who marries such a convert will be excommunicated, banned from all social, religiouss and business interaction with the community.

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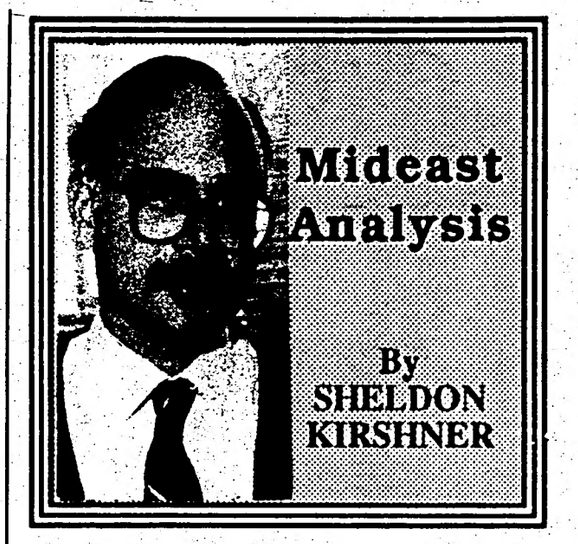


The Middle East continues to fascinate the public, and here are some of the latest books on the region...

Nearly two years have elapsed since the Gulf War, and Jean Edward Smith's assessment of it, *George Bush's War* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $31.50), is in the revisionist mould. A professor of political science at the University of Toronto, Smith contends that Operation Desert Storm may not have been necessary, and that Bush escalated U.S. aims and made the conflict all but inevitable.

Smith claims that Bush, throughout the crisis, acted with a small coterie of advisors and screened out expert opinion. He concedes that his diplomacy was "impressive," but argues, rather convincingly, that the costs were high. "Syria was forgiven virtually every crime of which Iraq stood accused," while the write-off of Egypt's debts was at the ultimate expense of the American taxpayer.

Lucid and felicitously written, *George Bush's War* merits attention.

Laymen would also be well advised to read *From Shield to Storm* (Gage, $27.95), a primer on the Gulf War by James Dunnigan and Austin Bay. The authors analyse the diplomatic games which preceded the fighting, the respective policies of the key players, the military forces arrayed, the air, land and sea battles and the myths surrounding Operation Desert Storm.

The latest books...

The Gulf War was yet another test of Washington's military prowess, Robert Leckie suggests in his massive study, *The Wars of America* (Harper Collins, $67.50). Leckie, an ex-U.S. marine, expertly charts the chronology of America's involvement in the 1990-91 Middle East crisis, and agrees with those who believe that the U.S exorcised its Vietnam syndrome in last year's war.

Dispersed throughout the Middle East, the Kurds were victims, yet beneficiaries of the Gulf War. Saddam Hussein crushed their post-war revolt and imposed great suffering on them. But today, by virtue of U.S. might, the Kurds have established a semi-autonomous state in northern Iraq above the 36th parallel.

Yet for all the publicity they have garnered, the 20 million-strong Kurds remain an unknown quantity. *The Kurds: A Contemporary Overview* (Routledge, Chapman & Hall, $47.50), a collection of essays by authorities on the subject, fills in many of the blanks. The editors are Philip Kreyenbroek and Stefan Spert.

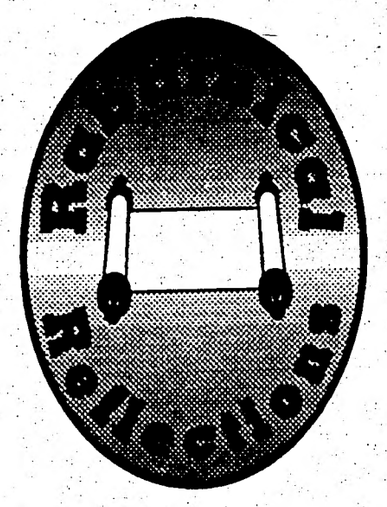
Constitutional governments in the Arab world have repeatedly failed. Elie Kedourie, the distinguished British-Jewish scholar who died recently, examines this puzzle in *Politics in the Middle East* (Oxford University Press, $20.95). Erudite and fairly accessible, it burnishes Kedourie's reputation.

Israel's enemies, be they Muslims, Christians or Communists, never tire of flogging Zionism. Indeed, anti-Zionism has always been one of the weapons of choice in their arsenal. In *Anti-Zionism and Anti-Semitism in the Contemporary World* (New York University Press, $40 U.S.), this phenomenon is exposed in a series of essays edited by Robert Wistrich, a professor of modern European and Jewish history at the Hebrew University.

Jerusalem is physically whole, but indubitably divided on the basis of ethnicity and religion. Two Israeli scholars, Michael Romann and Alex Weingrod, probe this condition in *Living Together Separately: Arabs and Jews in Contemporary Jerusalem* (Princeton University Press, no price listed). A thoughtful book.

Virtually every journalist covering the intifada ignored the fact that it generally enabled Palestinian women to improve their status in a male-oriented society. Philippa Strum, an American Jew who lived with a Palestinian family on the West Bank, tells this story in *The Women Are Marching: The Second Sex and the Palestinian Revolution* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $22).

Donald Redford's tome, *Egypt, Canaan and Israel in Ancient Times* (Princeton University Press, $39.95 U.S.), unveils the curtain on a period shrouded in mystery and uncertainty. It's relentlessly fascinating.



By RABBI AARON LEVINE

The Mishnah (Avob, 5:4) states: "Avraham, our father, was tested with ten trials and he withstood all of them. This informs us how great was Avraham our father's love [for the Almighty]." We have been reading of these trials in past sidrahs; the ultimate one being the Binding of Yitzchak, our father, on the altar. There is some difference of opinion as to which events constituted the ten trials. (See Rambam to the Mishnah; Avos d'Reb Nosson, chap. 33; Pirkei d'Reb Eliezer, chap. 26).

In this week's sidrah we read the account of how Avraham Avinu paid a high price to purchase the burial plot for Sarah our mother — the Cave of Machpeilah situated in the city of Chevron. Despite the fact that God had promised to give Avraham the Land of Israel, he never complained about the difficulty he encountered in procuring this burial plot.

The question is obvious. Does God need to test man? Does He not know whether or not man will withstand any test to which the Almighty subjects him? Nachmanides answers this question as follows. Of course God knows the outcome of the test, but man does not. God desires to bring to fruition the potential that every man has. What might remain a good intention is actualized into deed and man is justly rewarded for the action, not merely the intention. Until Abraham actually experienced the tests, his capacities of faith and loyalty to God were potential only; his qualities were not yet forged into the very essence of his character. Thus all tests are for the benefit of the person being tried; not for God's benefit at all.

Maimonides answers in this way. Of course God knows the outcome of the tests which He gives to man. But *others* would not know of the great and heroic deeds of which man is capable. Putting Avraham to the tests, recording for posterity in Scriptures the outcomes, displays to the world how far man is able to go in showing faith and obedience to his Maker and Creator. This interpretation fits in very well with an interpretation of the Midrash which plays on the Hebrew word for test *nisah*. The word can also be related to *nes* which means a banner. As flag or a banner is raised for all to see, so, too, the Almighty raised Avraham on high and displayed for all to see, the great achievements to which man can aspire.

The Talmud (Sanhedrin 107a) records how King David enquired of God, "Why do we say the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and not the God of David?" God responded, "They I have tested, but you I have not tested."

Certainly we do not enjoy being subjected by the Almighty to difficult tests. We pray that we shall be able to prove our faith and obedience to Him in peaceful and pleasant ways. But the Almighty knows what is best for us; He knows how to test our mettle; he knows how to harden our resolve. And more like the Jewish Nation has been so subjected and has so proven to the world that, despite everything, they remain loyal and a beacon of light, teaching the world what honesty, decency, mortality and kindness are.

During the Binding of Isaac, the angel called out, "Abraham, Abraham." And the Zohar comments, "Avraham mil'eilah, Avraham mil-'tata, Abraham above, Abraham below." In Heaven there is a picture to which each man can personally aspire and achieve. When man achieves that picture on earth and synchronizes it with the Heavenly picture, he has fulfilled his mission.

The famous comment of the Rebbe Reb Zusya is well known. "I'm not afraid that when I come up to Heaven after my sojourn on earth they will ask me why I didn't become an Avraham Avinu of Moshe Rabeinu. What I am afraid of is that they will ask me, "Zusya, why didn't you become what Zusya could have become?"

We pray to be spared the trials of life. But if and when they come, and they do come to everyone, in some form at some time, we must remember they are for our own good.

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Sanctity called key to Torah living

By RABBI SIDNEY SHOHAM

Living a life guided by observance of biblical and rabbinic commandments is one of the foundations of Judaic existence. However, it is only the beginning; not an end in itself.

Maimonides points out that it is quite possible for one to observe all the mitzvot of the Torah and yet remain totally devoid of a meaningful sense of spirituality. The Rambam continues by stating that the search for attaining kedushah — sanctity — is the prerequisite for true Torah living. Sanctity necessitates a lifestyle over and above the technical observance of mitzvot. It requires a character transformation that is filled with loving kindness and joyous serenity.

As Dr. Abraham Twersky writes in this revealing book, *Let Us Make Man*, achieving sanctity is not a simple task. It demands a total devotion to the Divine will that encompasses every action of the human being, regardless of the time, place or circumstance.

In Tractate Sotah 14A, Rabbi Simlai states, "Great and loving kindness for the Torah begins with chesed and concludes with chesed." In the early chapter of Genesis, the Bible states that after the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the two felt naked and embarrassed. Yet we are told, "And He clothed them." At the conclusion of the Bible, we read of the death of Moses but in very dramatic and unusual terms. "And He buried him." G-d, himself, becomes totally involved in the burial of his favorite student and leader. Moses leaves this world with love, grace, dignity and kindness.

In reading the Torah with a Musar perspective, we find that every mitzvah and every story is tied in some way with an act of loving kindness or lack of it. Was there a town or shtetl with vibrant Jewish living that lacked a malbish arumim, a chevra kadisha, or a gemilat chesed society? We learned to emulate G-d's ways by clothing the naked and burying the dead with law and dignity.

Visiting the sick has always been an integral part of Jewish spiritual living because we see G-d himself, making an appearance before Abraham during his moment of pain and recuperation. Following Abraham's fulfillment of brit nilah, the Bible so beautifully states, "And G-d appeared before him." Sanctity is the emulation of G-d's ways within the level of human capacity, and the Torah and mitzvot are our guide to those ways.

I observe in order to comprehend. I bind myself with tefillin in order to become bound to a higher level of human existence. The spirit of Judaism is to attain the heights of biblical and rabbinic observance and then climb upward towards the clouds of glory which are exemplified by joyous serenity, sanctification of purpose and acts in life that are filled with loving kindness.

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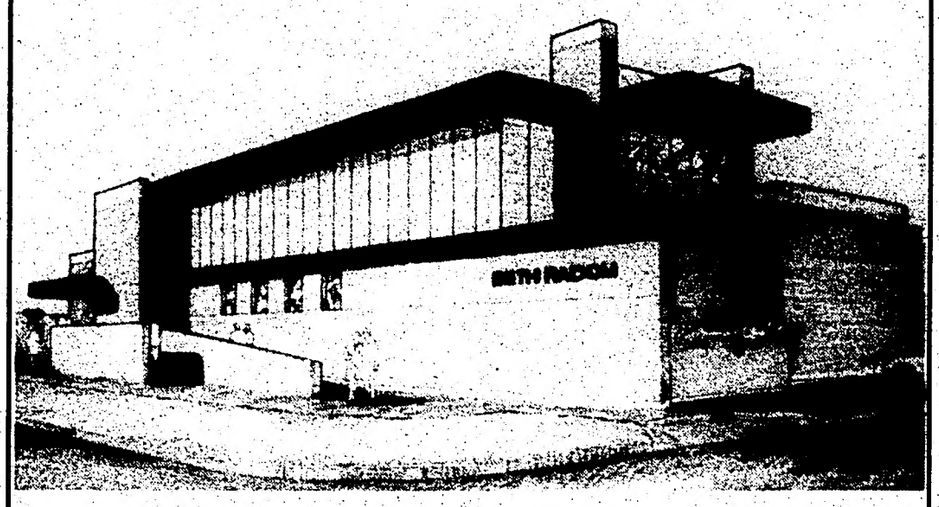

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Kosher slaughtering on hiatus in Manitoba

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Kosher slaughtering of beef in Manitoba has been forced into an indefinite hiatus as a result of financial difficulties at the meat packing plant where it was being carried out.

Manitoba's meat-packaging industry has been in decline for several years. It has reached the point where only Burns Meats and Western Beef were left from what had once been a thriving industry. At the beginning of October, Western Beef, a Jewish-owned plant in Beausejour, east of Winnipeg, was forced into receivership . It was the only remaining facility in the province where kosher slaughter was taking place.

Kosher slaughtering has been in steady decline alongside the industry as a whole in Manitoba. Paul Silver, president of Winnipeg's Vaad Ha'ir, reports the amount of kosher beef being slaughtered fell from over 5,000 cattle in 1981 to less than 2,000 last year. He attributed this to a general decline in meat consumption in North America.

Both Silver and Western Beef's owner, Marshall Freed, are hopeful the company will be back in operation soon. However, Allan Rappaport isn't so sure. "My personal opinion is that it won't happen again, at least not at that plant," says the co-owner of Omnitsky Kosher Foods, north Winnipeg's only kosher butcher shop. "The Vaad has a problem. Its shoichetim are only killing chickens. The Vaad has to come up with a plan. It is a hardship having to pay kosher charges twice."

Silver counters that he has a couple of alternative plans in mind should Western Beef not re-open. "I don't want anybody to get excited yet," he says. "Let's wait and see if things work out."

In the meantime, Omnitsky and the Tuxedo IGA, south Winnipeg's kosher butcher, are shipping their meat in from different suppliers in eastern Canada and the United States. "It's an inconvenience," says Rappaport, "but the price is about the same. The beef out there is about ten cents per pound more. When you add in the shipping costs, the extra price is on par with the kosher charges here. Our price increases have been small."

Silver claims eastern Canadian shechita charges are about twenty-five cents per pound as compared to fifteen to twenty cents per pound in Winnipeg.

Teacher helping to reduce prejudice

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

It takes courage and motivation for a teacher in a "special school" where racism, aggression and lawlessness are the norm, to speak proudly to her students about her Jewishness.

In her recently published book, *The Real Me Is Gonna Be a Shock: A Year in the life of a Front-Line Teacher*, (Lester Publishing Ltd., 246 pages, $26.95), poet and author, Jill (Newman) Solnicki, candidly and poetically reports from her journals how she confronts prejudice, lack of motivation and disruptive behavior in her classroom and how she patiently works out creative ways for her students to learn to share their fears and anxieties with her and the class.

The multi-talented author, whose poems, fiction and non-fiction have been widely published in Canadian and American publications and anthologies, will speak on Teaching on the Front Line at the 16th annual Jewish Book Fair on Dec. 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell B.T.I. (a fictional name) in Scarborough, Ont., is known as a basic-level school and regarded as a "dumping ground" for students who are academic failures or who have serious behavioral problems. Students come from disturbed and dysfunctional homes. Many students are unable to read or write at even the most basic level. Solnicki traces one school year through a combination of riveting narratives and excerpts from the students' own writings.

In her stirring, eye-opening memoir, Solnicki shines a spotlight on the problems confronting these children faced with poverty, devoid of belief in themselves, and with few avenues to vent their pent up anger, disappointments and abuses.

She bridges the gap between herself and her students by encouraging them to write journals, poetry and plays. With patience and dedication, she tears down their resistance. What she discovers in her attempts to reach the real teenagers hidden behind hostility and frustration is both shocking and disturbing.

The rights to her book, which has received rave reviews, have been sold to the CBC. Award winning producer, Bernie Zukerman, credited with docudramas such as *Love and Hate* and *Conspiracy of Silence*, will produce a movie based on *The Real Me*.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Solnicki said that when she was offered a position at a special school, she was told, "The kids will eat you alive, Don't let yourself be vulnerable," and "You aren't going to change anything." Now more than 10 years after accepting the challenging position in one of the most difficult educational settings, the effervescent, determined and optimistic teacher continues to face each challenge with freshness and ideas that have led to astonishing results with her students.

She recalls that in her youth as a student in Forest Hill Village and at a private camp, she was confronted with some incidents of anti-Semitism. But it was in her classroom while reading the Anne Frank story that the insensitive reaction of some of her students and their appalling description of Jews, touched a raw nerve of revulsion to prejudice. This, she says, established her mission — to fight the stereotype of the Jew as well as prejudice against all minorities and the disadvantaged.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Toronto, Solnicki taught high school. She married Victor Solnicki, a lawyer and film and TV producer. More fortunate than many in his family, he is a survivor who, with his family, escaped from Poland through France, Spain and Portugal. Jill left full-time teaching when she was expecting their first child Lara (now 18, and they have a son Daniel 16) and she taught English as a Second Language part-time.

In 1981, when the children were in school, she began looking for a teaching position but it was a time when teachers were being laid off. Despite the warnings against accepting a position at a special school, she accepted and began her risk-taking odyssey.

Her exposure to anti-Semitism — being taunted and goaded by some students — at first made her defensive and angry. But in time, she found new ways to confront the attacks and ultimately to help these alienated students break down areas of prejudice.

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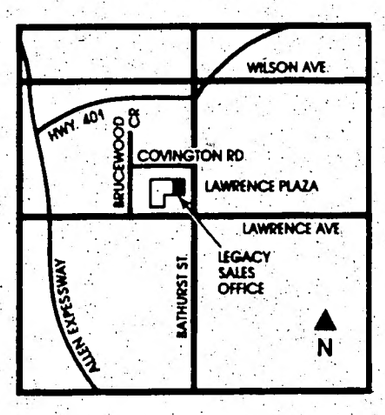

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By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Despite the enactment in Canada of legislation permitting the prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals, an absence of political will is hamstringing further prosecutions, a lunchtime program of Holocaust Education Week was told recently.

It is "obscene" that the Justice Department does not act with more dispatch against war crimes suspects, lawyer Bert Raphael told the noon-hour gathering at the Bloor Street branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Comparing the U.S. experience, in which more than 80 cases have been filed and hundreds of others have been investigated, to the Canadian example, where only four cases had been initiated, Raphael said "the primary problem is one of political will."

It is incumbent on the Jewish community to press its MPs to indicate "that we as citizens are not satisfied with the slow pace of prosecutions," Raphael said.

"Government inertia" must be met with "public pressure, public agitation," he said. Perhaps "movement against politicians is what will get the the thing on the rails again."

Raphael suggested that former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau typified the reluctance of Canadian authorities to prosecute possible war criminals. Trudeau feared such cases would create divisiveness among Canadian ethnic groups. Politicians today are still afraid of opening a "can of worms" by prosecuting someone from an ethnic group which might see the case as an attack on the entire community, he said.

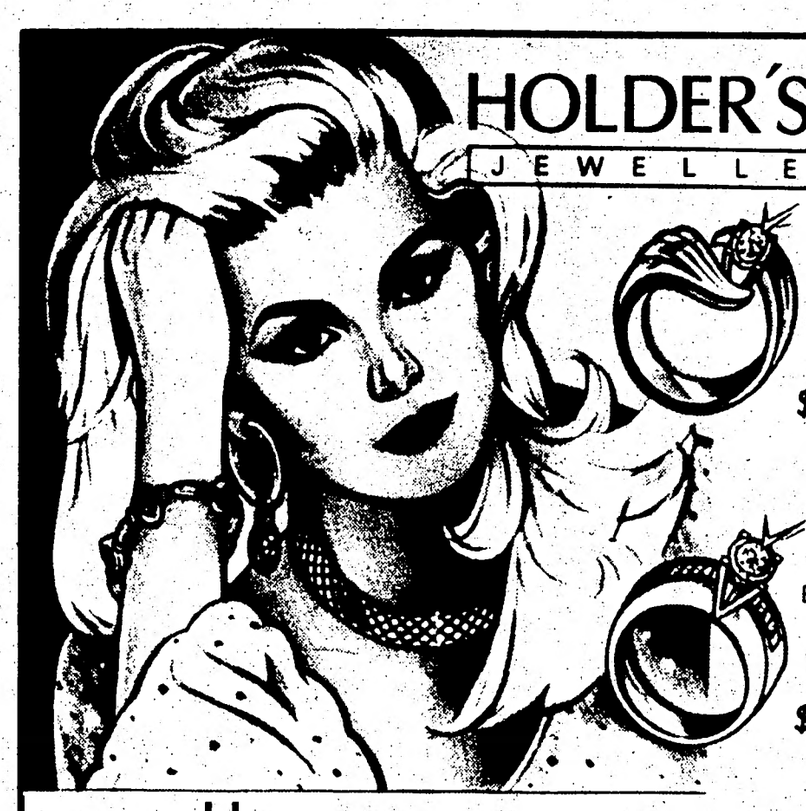
Raphael dismissed suggestions that there's a public perception that all the "big fish" have already been dealt with, so why bother with "the small fry.

"I don't view the Nazi guard who killed one Jewish child because she cried as small fry," he said.

Raphael, who appeared before the Deschenes commission investigating Nazi war criminals as associate counsel for B'nai Brith, noted that in 1986 Justice Jules Deschenes recommended immediate prosecution in 20 cases. Since then, there has been one successful denaturalization case involving Dutch collaborator Jacob Luitjens and three criminal cases, all of which failed.

It took a Federal Court judge more than two years to recommend that Luitjens' citizenship be stripped and that case is now winding it way through lengthy deportation proceedings. But it took only a push of a button and some phone calls to get residency in Canada for Iraq's former ambassador Mohammed al-Mashat, Raphael noted.

Raphael was introduced by Ivan Luxenberg, a member of the Holocaust Education Week subcommittee which planned the week's programming.



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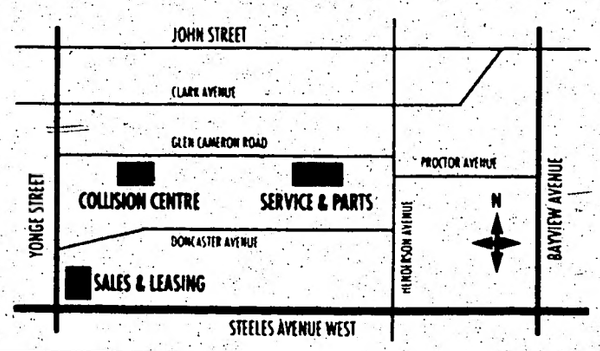

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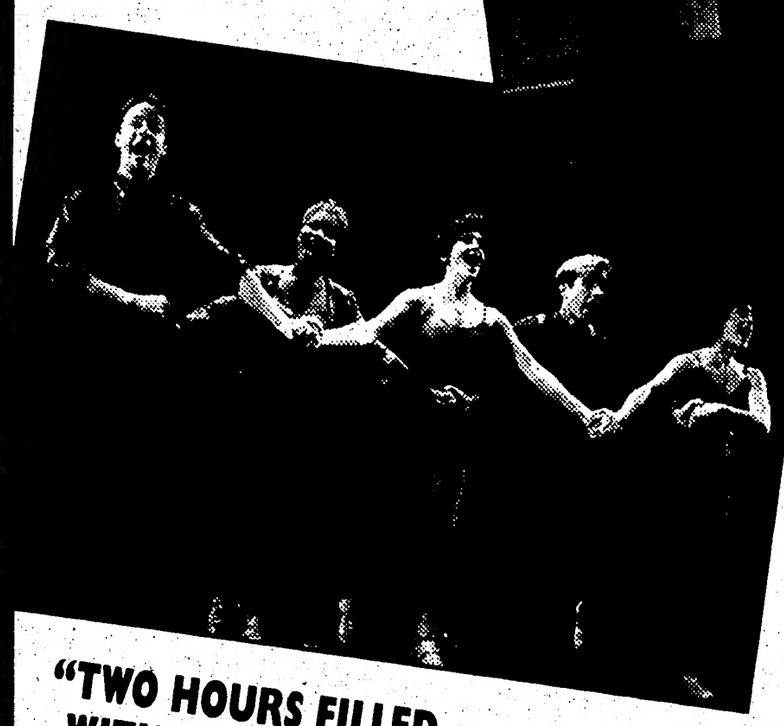

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Organizations and People

Jewish newsmakers

Gravedigger's conviction overturned

WINNIPEG — The conviction against gravedigger Ronald Mills, who was found guilty in March of the charge of "offering indignities to human remains" by smashing coffins at the Rosh Pina Cemetery, has been overturned.

Two of the three judges on the Manitoba Court of Appeal argued that Mills may have been careless with his backhoe, but his intent was not criminal. The lone dissenting justice, Madam Justice Bonnie Helper, countered that Mills purposely use his backhoe to crush the coffins once they were in the ground.

Rosh Pina Congregation officials refused comment because of the sensitive natue of the matter and on the grounds that they had not seen the judgment.

— Myron Love

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Chapel remains committed to charities

TORONTO — The main purpose of Steeles College Memorial Chapel is to distribute money to Jewish charities and this remains the objective despite rising costs, Gordon Donsky, its president, said recently at the annual meeting at Adath Sholom Synagogue.

Some charities were given less this year "because of the misfortune of the Reichmanns," which resulted in a large number of new requests, Donsky said.

He pointed out that Steeles Memorial provides free funerals for children 13 years and younger, and suggested that Jewish cemeteries in Toronto should provide free facilities as well in these cases.

Among rising costs he cited were an increase in municipal property taxes, an Ontario government bill requring funeral companies to pay $150 for the perpetual care fund and 30 percent of the cost of a plot, and the federal government's GST tax, amounting to $210 on a $3,000 funeral.

In addition, he said, the cost of police escort services has almost doubled, amounting to more than $500 for three required escorts, and the cost of opening and closing graves has increased.

— Ben Rose

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Rosh Pina becomes egalitarian

WINNIPEG — The Rosh Pina Congregation, Winnipeg's second largest synagogue, has become egalitarian. Following a secret vote supervised by a neutral accounting firm, the board passed a motion, to count women in its minyans, give them aliyahs and have them read from the Torah to lead services.

The Rosh Pina is the second of Winnipeg's three Conservative congregations to become egalitarian. The largest, Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, became egalitarian several years ago.

"It was inevitable," says Michael Kaufman, the synagogue's newly-installed president. "I don't think we could have continued for many more years without this."

While the actual process began in 1990 when the board approved a proposal to include women in synagogue services, the transition to full egalitarianism was opposed by a group of traditionalists.

Following a secret vote, which approved full egalitarianism, the congregation's board instructed the ritual committee to implement changes gradually.

"We don't want to ignore the concerns of long-time supporters of the synagogue, people who have made large contributions to the synagogue in time and commitment. Neither can we stop progress or reverse our path," says Kaufman.

As a result, the synagogue is not making a point of giving women aliyahs during Shabbat services. However, if a woman is in the shul for a lifecycle event, she will be asked if she wants an aliyah.

— Myron Love

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BB Baseball League gives out awards

TORONTO — The B'nai Brith Baseball League season came to an official close recently with the naming of Bill Dolman of T.F.L. Newtonbrook Plaza as recipient of the Charles Goldlust Memorial Sportsman of the Year Award, given to the player most exemplifying the ideals of B'nai Brith.

In addition, most valuable players in each of the league's 13 divisions were announced at the league windup brunch.

In 12 out of 13 divisions, the MVP hailed from the championship team. The only exception was in the Fast Pitch section's Southern League where pitcher Mark Allen of T.F.L. Big Stars captured the award. The Southern League championship crown was awarded to Maccabiah Bulls.

Here's a rundown of the other division champions and their MVPs.

In Fast Pitch: Executive League, Robin Stein, pitcher, Superbilt Construction; National League, Howard Dinetz, shortstop, L.M.O.L. No Names; International League, Mark Elbaum, pitcher, R.W.Y.C. Gamblers; American Association, Tim Barkin, pitcher, R.W.Y.C. Quarter Pounders; Eastern League, Steve Lash, pitcher, Don Mills Traders; Pioneer League, Morley Plonka, Upper Canada Champs.

In Slow Pitch: Executive League, Norm Smiley, shortstop, Canyon Shapiro's Heroes; AAA Division, Michael Lockwood, pitcher, Maccabiah Corby's Blazers; AA East Division, Aaron Shier, shortstop, Maccabiah Brawlers; AA West Division, Eme Attar, shortstop, Maccabiah Super Savers; A-North Division, Steve Kaminsky, pitcher, Maccabiah Dunbury Homes; and A-South Division, Peter Levy, pitcher, T.F.L. Canada Games.

Guest speaker at the brunch was lawyer Gord Kirke, who acts for the World Series' champion, Toronto Blue Jays. He told the baseball enthusiasts that they could expect slugger Dave Winfield to be back with the team next season, though things are still up in the air regarding other free agents.

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New BGU fund established

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Associates of Ben Gurion University have established a new fund for research into Psoriatric Arthritis in memory of Naomi Permut, a founding member of the Canadian Friends of Ben Gurion University, who passed away last May.

Over the past 25 years, Permut had been actively involved in the Jewish and general community, particularly in the area of multiculturalism. Permut had also been an editor for the Western Jewish News (which has since been renamed the Jewish Post and News), executive director of Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers and was active in the Liberal party. She was the first woman in Canada to be awarded the Order of the Mace for her involvement with Youth Parliament. Her volunteer service was recognized by both the province of Manitoba and the city of Winnipeg.

Psoriatric Arthritis, a condition that afflicted Permut, causes pain and swelling in the joints and scaling on the skin. BGU researchers are treating the condition with natural minerals taken from the Dead Sea.

— Myron Love

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ORT region marks 50th anniversary

TORONTO — Canadian ORT Ontario region celebrated its 50th anniversary during a recent Governors Dinner Dance.

Members of the Governors Club, board members and many guests gathered at the Inn on the Park Hotel. Simon Schreiber, member of the board and treasurer, chaired the dinner. The program included greetings by the Israeli consul general, Dror Zeigerman and a report on Canadian ORT activities by national president Bernard Gross of Montreal. A musical performance, by renowned cellist Ofra Harnoy, concluded the evening.

Proceeds from the dinner were channelled towards the scholarship program of the ORT Jerusalem School of Engineering at Givat Ram, mainly for students from the former Soviet Union and from Ethiopia.

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Tulip bulbs planted

TORONTO — The third annual planting of the Anne Frank Tulip Bulbs recently took place in memory of 1.5 million children, victims of the Holocaust, in the Amsterdam Square, St. Clair and Avenue Road.

Students of grade 5 classes at Brown and Deerpark public schools, were greeted by the consul of the Netherlands Gerrit Kulsdom, Zanada Akande, MPP of the riding, Ada Wynston, former Hidden Child in Holland, and Robert Engel, from the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"Can you imagine what it was like for a little girl about your age not to be able to run in the streets,?" Kuldsom asked the children. "Always remember you have to guard that freedom and defend it, fight prejudice and race hatred in our days."

Over 750 Anne Frank Tulips, white with a teardrop of purple, were planted in a special bed, which will bloom in the spring.

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Scholarship applications accepted

TORONTO — The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto is accepting applications for scholarship in higher Jewish studies. These scholarships are granted annually to qualitying candidates from a special fund established by friends of Associated who are interested in higher Jewish education.

Chair of the scholarship committee is Louis Weisfeld. Deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 1993. Applications should be for courses taken during the following academic year. Awards cannot be retroactive.

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	WEDNESDAY 18	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	"Questions for our Times"	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
		8 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue	"The New Germany: Reflections & Challenges," Noni Morris	BETH DAVID B'NAI ISRAEL BETH AM/HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE
		Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Presentation & slide show - Faye Shulman	BAYT SISTERHOOD/HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE
		8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	"Christian Proof Texts - New Testament Contradictions"	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
		8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	"Rabbinic Roots and Holocaust Remembrance"	JEWISH GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY/HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE
	THURSDAY 19	9 a.m., Mount Sinai Hospital Mall	Marketplace	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
	SUNDAY 22	9 a.m., 52 Colville Rd., Toronto	Dreidle Making Marathon For Charity	CENTRE FOR JEWISH ARTS & CRAFTS
		9:30 a.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Speaker: Julius Clee, Jews for Judaism	BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB
		7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	Lecture: Aaron Lansky "Mendele Moykher Sforim"	COMMITTEE FOR YIDDISH/HOLY BLOSSOM/FRIENDS OF YIDDISH
	MONDAY 23	Beth Tzedec Synagogue Museum	"The Sephardic Spirit" Opening (until Feb. 28/93)	BETH TZEDEC REUBEN & HELENE DENNIS MUSEUM
		Beth Tzedec Synagogue Museum (until Feb. 28/93)	Turkish Jews: 500 yrs. of Harmony - a photographic exhibit	BETH TZEDEC/B'NAI BRITH CANADA/FED. OF TURKISH ASSOCIATIONS
	TUESDAY 24	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	"Questions for our Times"	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
		8 p.m., St. Lawrence Centre, J. Mallat Theatre	Concert & Reception	CANADA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION
		6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420	JFED Exec. Board	FEDERATION EXECUTIVE
	WEDNESDAY 25	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation	"Questions for our Times"	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE, BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM
		8 p.m ., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	Speaker: Dr. Ira Schweitzer	BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD
		8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	"Conservative Judaism - As I see it"	BETH TZEDEC ADULT EDUCATION/UNITED SYN. CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM, ONT. REGION
	WEDNESDAY 25	8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	"Sin, Salvation and Teshuvah - Miracles"	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
	THURSDAY 26	8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue	Lecture on UN Resolution 242	CANADA-ISRAEL COMMITTEE
	SUNDAY 29	5:30 p.m., Sheraton Centre, Toronto	Annual Negev Dinner	JEWISH NATIONAL FUND
DECEMBER	TUESDAY 1	8 p.m., Bayview Campus	Parents' Association Meeting	UNITED SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOC.
	WEDNESDAY 2	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rms. 419, 420	JWF Festival Kick-Off	JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION FESTIVAL
	THURSDAY 3	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	Board Development	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	SATURDAY 5	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	16th Annual Jewish Book Fair - Opening Night	JEWISH BOOK FAIR
	SUNDAY 6	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	"A Blast from the Past"	BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD
		10 a.m., Park Plaza Hotel	Annual Meeting	CAN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
		8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	"The Politics of Holocaust Memory," Paul Kilberg	JEWISH BOOK FAIR/HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE
	TUESDAY 8	4 p.m., Park Plaza Hotel	Seminar: "Doing Business with Israel - the Time is Right"	CANADA-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
	WEDNESDAY 9	8 p.m., Jewish Public Library	"Dialogue with a former Jew For Jesus"	JEWS FOR JUDAISM
		8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	"An Artist and Her Work," Maxie Hauer	POMEGRANATE GUILD
		8:30 p.m., 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill	Jewish Journeys Lecture	CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM
	SATURDAY 12	Sheraton Centre, Dominion Ballroom	Media Human Rights Awards Dinner	B'NAI BRITH CANADA, LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
	SUNDAY 13	10 a.m. & 4 p.m., CJC Office, Montreal	Nat. Officers Comm. Mtg./Nat. Exec. Comm. Mtg.	CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS, HEAD OFFICE
		6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th floor	Super Sunday 2	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
	TUESDAY 15	7:30 p.m., Free Times Cafe, 320 College St.	Jazz Workshop: Jane Erkin, Justin Lewis & Others	JEWISH ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY
	SUNDAY 20	12 noon, Thornhill Square	Chanukah Wonderland	CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF MARKHAM
	SATURDAY 26	8:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Concert , Diaspora Yeshiva Band	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SYNAGOGUE
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JAN.	SUNDAY 3	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	Board Development	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	MONDAY 4	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Lecture: Dr. Joseph Garber	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC., JEWISH CHAPTER
	SUNDAY 10	2 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	"Catching Arrows" translating Yiddish into English, Shirley Kumove	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE MAX & BEATRICE WOLFE LIBRARY
	MONDAY 11	8 p.m., *Location to be announced*	"The Bayrest Project"	POMEGRANATE GUILD
	SUNDAY 17	5 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	Board of Directors Meeting & Officers Meeting	UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL OF CANADA
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	MONDAY 8	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	"Making Masks for Purim"	POMEGRANATE GUILD
	TUESDAY 16	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	Arts Person of the Year Honouring Oscar Peterson	JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
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		Baycrest Centre	Purim Celebration	BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
	WEDNESDAY 10	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	"The Big Cover-up" Matzo, Afikomen & Pillow Covers	POMEGRANATE GUILD
	SUNDAY 14	11 a.m. & 4 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Uncle Moishe Concert	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SYNAGOGUE
	TUESDAY 23	6 p.m., Sheraton Centre	Tribute Dinner	CDN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
	WEDNESDAY 24	8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Annual Fashion Show	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
	THURSDAY 25	Baycrest Centre	Baycrest Spring Sale	BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
	SAT. - SUN. 27-28	Inn on the Park Hotel	National Leadership Conference	UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL OF CANADA
APR.	SUNDAY 18	2 p.m., Queen's Park - Convocation Hall	Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah Commemoration Service	CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM
	TUESDAY 20	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Lecture: Beate Klarsfeld	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
	THURSDAY 22	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	Board Development	HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
	SUNDAY 25	9 p.m., *To be announced*	Yom Ha'atzmaut Concert	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, CENTRAL REGION
	MONDAY 26	10 a.m., JCC North Branch	Alt Dey Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, CENTRAL REGION
		6:30 p.m., *To be announced*	Woman of Valour Dinner: Mrs. Ruhama Goldstein	STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS, WOMEN'S DIVISION
	TUESDAY 27	Baycrest Centre	Public Health Forum	BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
	WEDNESDAY 28	O.I.S.E.	5th Symposium on Women & Health	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
MAY	SATURDAY 1	8:30 p.m., Sheraton Parkway North Convention Centre	Las Vegas Night	NA'AMAT TORONTO
	SUNDAY 2	St. Lawrence Market	Annual Spring Bazaar	B'NAI BRITH WOMEN OF CANADA
	MONDAY 3	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Lecture- Thelma Feldman, M.A.	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC., JEWISH CHAPTER
	TUESDAY 4	6 p.m., Torah Emeth Synagogue	Lottery Fundraiser	NER ISRAEL YESHIVA
	SUNDAY 9	9 a.m., Baycrest Centre	Baycrest Run & Walk	BAYCREST CENTRE
	TUESDAY 11	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	Sisterhood Spring Fashion Show	BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD
	WEDNESDAY 12	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	"Cathedral Windows" Quilting Technique	POMEGRANATE GUILD
	SUNDAY 16	Montreal	7th National Convention	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION
	WEDNESDAY 19	8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Choral Concert	JEWISH FEDERATION, JEWISH MUSIC COMMITTEE
		8 p.m., *To be announced*	Joint Evening function	STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS/BEIT HALOCHEM/JNF
	THURSDAY 20	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Elie Wiesel "God and Man: On Trial"	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
	SUNDAY 23	7:30 a.m., North York/Thornhill	UJA Walk for Israel	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
JUNE	TUESDAY 1	6 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Installation Dinner	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
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	TUESDAY 8	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	Jewish Federation Annual Meeting/93	FEDERATION OFFICERS
	WEDNESDAY 9	8 p.m. *Location to be announced*	"Show & Share"	POMEGRANATE GUILD
	SUNDAY 13	5:30 p.m., boarding at Queen's Quay Terminal, Toronto	"Dream Weavers Cruise"	CDN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

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Dynamic people, famous names, great hospitality, good food. But you couldn't exactly call the six receptions purely social: this was urgent UJA business.

The Invitation of Invitations was sent out to members of the UJA Major Gifts division, chaired by **Lawrence Bloomberg** and **Aaron Brotman**. Private residences were generously given over to host the UJA events by **Eli & Renee Rubinstein, Brent & Lynn Belzberg, Gerry & Tootsie Halbert, Martin & Penny Offman** and **Gerry & Nancy Pencer**.

Between Oct. 23 and Nov. 4, invitees had the rare opportunity to meet the elite of Israel's diplomats and bear witness to how important UJA dollars really are.

The first event, held at the Primrose Club, hosted by **Charles Bronfman** and **Barry Sherman**, featured **Uri Lubrani**, the diplomat who masterminded the Operation Solomon rescue. Lubrani flew in for the day from Washington, where he is in the midst of the Middle East peace talks. He told the behind-the-scenes story and spared no detail.

Israeli diplomat Uri Lubrani, centre, recently addressed the Major Gifts Division at the Primrose Club. He gave an insider report on Operation Solomon, in which 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were whisked to safety in Israel during a 36-hour rescue effort. On hand for the luncheon were, from left, Major Gifts co-chairmen Aaron Brotman and Lawrence Bloomberg, co-host Barry Sherman, Lubrani, co-host Charles Bronfman and UJA/Operation Exodus co-chairmen Bernard Ghert and Neil Nisker. [Joe Black photo]

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UJA Night hits home run during World Series

More than 250 women proved themselves real "team players," showing that it wasn't a "sacrifice" to forfeit a Blue Jays home game in order to hear two women who were brought "home" by the Diaspora.

UJA Night proved to be just as exciting for the attendees, who came away from the event knowing that national pride exists not only in baseball, but also in the world-wide Jewish community. The program was co-sponsored by the Jewish Women's Federation and UJA Women's Campaign.

Israeli activist **Marina Furman**, a former Russian, described how UJA helped change her life and has given her the chance to provide her compatriots with the same. Ethiopian olah **Messaret Shibru**, who came to Israel during the heroic Operation Solomon rescue mission last year, spoke of her gratitude to UJA for saving her life. Shibru now works as a nurse in Netanya.

Lorraine Sandler

Susan Fenwick and **Glennie Lindenberg** did an outstanding job of organizing the program. **Bev Holtzman**, chairman of the Jewish Women's Federation, delivered a speech on JWF and its impact on thousands of Jewish women across Toronto.

"It is inspiring to hear these testimonies of these two young women," said **Lorraine Sandler**, chairman of UJA Women's Campaign. "We all feel pride that our Jewish community has committed itself to the saving of Jewish lives around the world. Tonight's turnout is proof that we care."

Organizers agree that all those who attended the event and showed their concern are deserving of the MVP Award!

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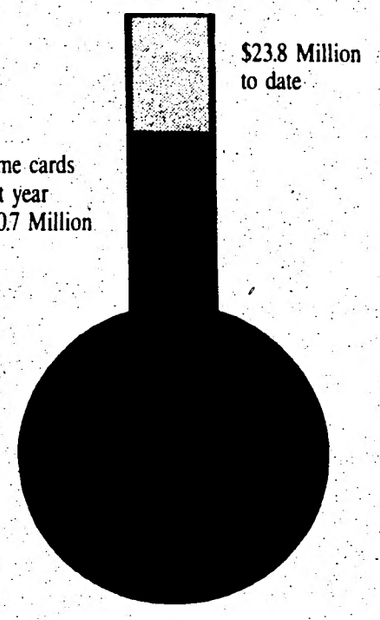

Sukkah gets 'Constructed'

The Young Construction Division, chaired by **Neil Warshafsky** and **Gordon Weisman**, literally raised the roof when 60 of its members got together to build the sukkah in front of the Lipa Green building.

Division chairmen **David Dulberg** and **Paul Rosen** "beamed" with pride as they watched 25 of their members' children (the Very Young Construction Division?!) make decorations and write letters to new olim in absorption centres in Israel.

Architect **Marty Shoom** was a real asset in the sukkah's construction. **Geoffrey Steinberg**'s tools were "instrumental," no pun intended! Special kudos to Paul Rosen and the others who went into the woods and chopped the schach for the roof! Now that's what we call community building!

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OUTLOOK 1993 draws largest crowd ever

A record crowd of 400-plus business professionals came to hear four experts on Israel investment at the UJA OUTLOOK 1993 program, held at the Sheraton Centre.

Featured were: **David Azrieli**, president, Canpro Investments, Ltd.' **Brig. Gen. Harold R. Johnson**, USAF (Ret.), senior vice-president, Business Development, The Fairchild Corporation; **Benjamin Noy**, consul, Economic Affairs, Israel Economic Mission to Canada; and **Dror Zeigerman**, consul general of Israel.

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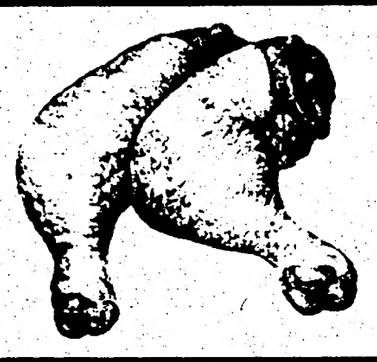

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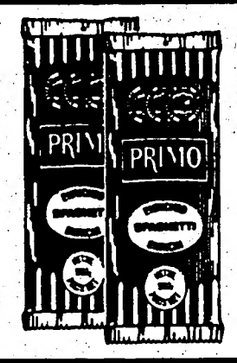

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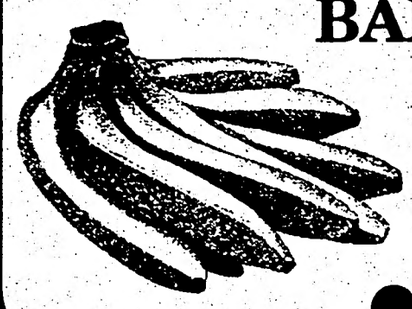

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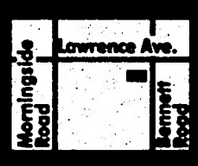

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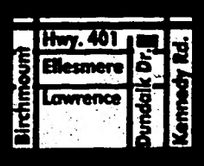

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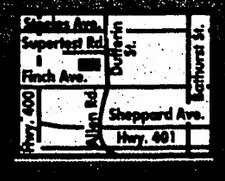

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CCCJ conference held in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG —

Ten years after its formation, the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism (CCCJ) — Mercaz Canada returned to Winnipeg, its birthplace, for its third biennial conference. As its president, Dr. Morton Lang of Montreal, reminded delegates to the conference (which was held on Nov. 8, at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue) that CCCJ-Mercaz Canada was formed as a separate entity within the United Synagogues of America to deal with specifically Canadian issues that were not of concern to American members. The Canadian organization holds its biennial conferences in years between the American biennial conferences.

In Canada, there are 20,000 families who belong to the Conservative movement, 12,000 of whom are affiliated with Mercaz Canada, the movement's political branch, according to David Greenberg, this year's conference chair. By contrast, only 32,000 American families contribute to Mercaz-U.S.A. out of two million Conservative Jewish families.

Lang reported that attendance at this conference exceeded the last one in Montreal two years ago. In addition to the 21 delegates from Winnipeg, there were another 21 from out-of-town, with representation from each of the four CCCJ-Mercaz Canada regions and two Israeli visitors. There are 33 synagogues, from Halifax to Victoria, that are members of the CCCJ.

The day-long conference featured presentations by Rabbi Judah Kogen of Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue speaking on the subject of life as a Jew in the Diaspora, Rabbi Benjamin Segal of Jerusalem, whose subject was Masorti Judasim in Israel: Confronting Orthodoxy, Challenging Secularism and Rabbi Joseph Wernick of the World Zionist Organization, discussing how Israelis view the Diaspora. There was also a panel discussion on Canadian Jewish concerns and Rabbi Segal showed a video presentation of Camp Ramah in Moscow.

Lang suggested the next conference may be held on the West Coast to further emphasize the fact that CCCJ-Mercaz Canada is a national organization.

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Conservative Judaism growing in Israel

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Despite widespread opposition and tremendous barriers, Conservative Judaism is growing steadily in Israel. Conservative or Masorti (the Israeli term) Judaism was introduced into Israel by North American olim only about 20 years ago. Today, the movement has 40 congregations in Israel, 20 schools plus youth groups and a summer camp, explained Rabbi Benjamin Segal, associate dean of the Masorti Seminary of Judaic Studies, to delegates at the recent biennial conference of the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism (CCCJ) — Mercaz Canada.

It remains, though, an ongoing struggle against the entrenched power of the Orthodox establishment. "The Orthodox consider us a threat because we also claim authenticity unlike the Reform Movement," he said. "They have a huge amount of political power and large masses of improper funding. Conservative rabbis and congregations are subject to constant harassment and lack of official rights or recognition."

As an example, Rabbi Segal recalled a small wedding he attended where the presiding Orthodox rabbi wouldn't allow him to be counted as part of the minyan because he is a Conservative rabbi. "As rabbis, we have no role in Israel; nor are we able to get land for our synagogues easily, nor funding for our institutions."

The new government is more sympathetic, he notes, but the Shas Party (a religious party which is part of the coalition government) still receives large amounts of government money for its yeshivas. "There has been small progress," Segal reported. "In some localities, the municipalities are giving us land and some funding, as long as it doesn't make headlines. May own synagogue recently put up a new $50,000 building."

Some Knesset members are now fighting for Masorti rights as well. However, there is another wall against which the movement has to chip away. The large mass of non-religious Israelis tends to see Masorti Judaism as just another religious sub-group. "They have nothing against our message," Segal said. "They are just tired of religious fighting and aren't interested in fighting for our rights."

Masorti Judaism is using a grassroots approach to spread its message. Educators and rabbis, graduates of the Seminary of Judaic Studies, are fanning out throughout the country teaching people about Conservatism and building their own congregations. The seminary has 120 students and each year graduates three or four rabbis and five to 10 educators who are committed to serving the Conservative movement. The seminary attracts students from all over the world and its graduates have introduced Conservatism to England, France, Hungary, South America and Russia.

"We have five schools now operating in the former Soviet Union and we ran our first Camp Ramah in Moscow last summer," Segal said. In the seminary, he reported, there is now one Russian rabbinical student and several Russians and Ethiopians studying to be educators.

"The Russians are not devoid of Jewishness by choice. They are well educated and thus don't react well to the Orthodox view. You have to be able to talk science and Torah with them at the same time. All our synagogues now have Russian-language Torahs and chumashim."

It will take longer to get the Masorti message across to the broad mass of Israelis who have been alienated from religion by the Orthodox use of politics to make it compulsory. "That has been counter-productive," Segal observed. "We will succeed because the Masorti philosophy answers a true need for the religious and spiritual answers people seek."

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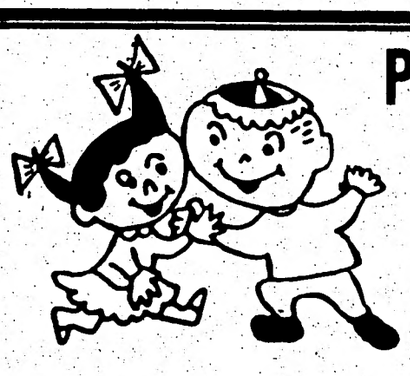
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Teacher: Cantor Efraim Sapir, Cantor, Beth Tikvah Synagogue
Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. — Dinner-Dialogue
Dr. Jack Wertheimer
Professor of Jewish History, Jewish Theological Seminary
8:00 p.m. Lecture:
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Monday, December 14, 1992 at 8:00 p.m.
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A Message To Our Readers

November 19, 1992

The Canadian Jewish news

Dear CJN Reader:

In the November 5 issue of The Canadian Jewish News, we published a letter from our editor asking those of you who receive this newspaper as a result of your donation to the United Israel Appeal or the United Jewish Appeal to subscribe directly.

As the editor's letter explained, since 1971 UIA and three local federations--Hamilton, Toronto and Windsor--have been purchasing subscriptions for donors from The CJN at a substantially discounted rate--a rate that has remained unchanged for 21 years. However, the costs of publishing this newspaper have risen substantially. While some of the increase is the result of inflation, a considerable portion of it is due to a change in postal regulations that raised postage rates dramatically in the past 20 months. The amount paid by the Federations for an annual subscription now covers only a small fraction of the delivery cost.

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Chief Rabbi stresses importance of jobs

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

In a recent appeal on behalf of The Biotechnical Institute of Israel, Rabbi Israel Lau, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Jaffa, demonstrated the eloquence and practicality that have earned him a reputation as a builder of bridges between secular and religious Jews in Israel.

The Biotechnical Institute is a Tel Aviv training centre for medical technologists which has grown to accommodate 6,000 students since it was established 14 years ago. It includes many Russian olim in its student population, and is also known for its 24-hour-a-day telephone heart monitoring centre, used by 3,000 Israelis across the country, said Dr. Bernard Goldman, chair of Canadian Friends of the Biotechnical Institute.

The institute addresses the most fundamental need of olim — employment, explained Rabbi Lau. "Everyone has a roof over his head — temporary, permanent — everyone has. But a profession, a job, most of them have not." That is why Rabbi Lau travelled from Israel to Toronto to speak about the Biotechnical Institute, he emphasized, rather than talking about "yeshivah or kollel, which is very close to my heart."

The Biotechnical Institute is important in terms of saving lives, said the rabbi, reflecting on his reasons for lending it his support. Referring to the value of training students in technology that enables life-saving heart surgery, he wondered aloud, "Can you imagine the largest hospital in the state without heart surgery?"

The Biotechnical Institute is instrumental in the absorption of olim, both in educating them Jewishly and giving them the means to support themselves and their families. Absorption may be the highest level of Hachnasat Orchim (hospitality), said Rabbi Lau.

The olim of today are not like the Zionistic olim of the past, said the rabbi. "They are immigrants, refugees. If you don't open your arms to them, they will choose another place."

Rabbi Lau spoke of a Russian immigrant he met once in New York who "survived the flood of anti-Semitism after Hitler, Stalin, Kruschev, Brezhnev, and he is lucky to come to the free world." Sadly, the rabbi lamented the virtual certainty that the man's children would not retain their Judaism, because the family lives where housing is cheap, in a non-Jewish area, and the children are receiving no Jewish education.

"In Israel, even the non-religious schools teach about tefillin. The students may not put them on later, but at least they know their roots," the rabbi said. For Russian Jews, Israel represents "the one hope, when they go out of the Egypt of this generation, that they will stay Jewish."

Rabbi Lau spoke of the highest level of charity as finding someone a job, or giving him a loan, in order that he will never have to beg. Referring to Canadian Friends of the Biotechnical Institute's participation in the double mitzvah program (in which an Israel bond can be assigned to the charity), the rabbi explained that buying Israel bonds does not constitute charity. "It's a way to give us the financial means to develop our high technology, and then we can stand on our own feet."

Hadassah marks 75 years of service in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Hadassah-WIZO celebrated 75 years in Winnipeg on Oct. 22, with an event at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue which featured a brief history presented by Doris Margolis and a fashion show staged by the Dugald Costume Museum. (Dugald is just outside Winnipeg; its museum displays fashions and clothing spanning the history of large scale settlement in Manitoba.)

Hadassah-WIZO began in Winnipeg the same year Henrietta Szold founded the organization in Palestine to raise money to build facilities in the Yishuv. "From the beginning, Winnipeg was the leader of western Hadassah," said Margolis, an author and long-time Hadassah-WIZO member. "In 1926, there were 12 chapters here. Today, we have 20 chapters and 1,300 members of all ages."

Margolis paid tribute to the dedicated women who helped build the organization in Winnipeg and western Canada, ladies such as Sally Gotlieb, the first national president who didn't live in Montreal; Mrs. E. H. Wilder, the first Winnipeg Council president; Sarah Bernstein, Rose Halparin and Becky Sokolov who travelled western Canada raising money and organizing new chapters; Mrs. H. J. Granovsky who was named Woman of the Year for her outstanding membership drives; and fundraiser Falga Cooperband.

"Winnipeg is proud of our many 'firsts,' some of which have been emulated by other chapters across the country," noted Margolis citing, as examples, the Donor or Give or Get affair with Nathan Portnoy underwriting the cost of the dinner; the bargain store; and the Men's Youth Aiyah Dinner.

"Many women have left their mark on our organization. May the torch that is being handed down to our younger generation serve as a beacon to light, enlighten and ignite the spark of commitment to continue to help build a secure and stable future for our beloved Israel."

Margolis was also one of three local Jewish authors featured at the Jewish Public Library's 70th anniversary tea. She was joined by Ed Kleiman, a University of Manitoba English professor, who read from his writings, and Noah Witman reciting some of his Yiddish poems. The tea was well attended.

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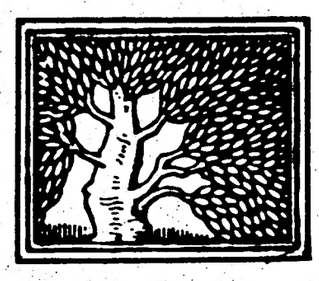
The Ernest Richard Pearl memorial scholarship committee is now accepting applications.

This award, sponsored by the family of Ernest Richard Pearl and Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, will recognize one student per year "who best exemplifies those traits for which Ernest Richard Pearl will most be remembered," said a school spokesman.

The award must be used for a summer learning experience in a recognized Jewish overnight camp in either Israel, United States or Canada.

Students who are enrolled in the Associated junior high school, or have graduated from Associated, are eligible to apply. The successful candidate will have displayed a positive attitude toward their learning and involvement in Jewish life. The candidate will be required to submit a written essay in English on a topic of Jewish interest. The essay can be either creative or scholarly in nature.

A fixed sum, as determined by the award committee, will be given to the chosen student. It is estimated that the award will be for approximately $1,000 and be given in April of 1993.



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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Nov. 19, is deadline for Dec. 3, and Thursday, Nov. 26, is deadline for Dec. 10). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, Nov. 19

MEDINA THEATRE AUDITIONS

Medina Theatre Ensemble is holding auditions at 8:30 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, room 314, for a concert reading of a Canadian play, *Salesmen Don't Ride Bicycles* by **Leo Orenstein**, directed by **Sylvia Lennick**, to be presented for Jewish Book Month, Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the temple.

Saturday, Nov. 21

TRIBUTE TO CANTOR KIRSHBLUM

Adath Israel Congregation will pay tribute to **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as cantor of the synagogue at Shabbat services. Through the generosity of **Beverley** and **Sam Cohen** and their family, this Shabbat will mark the inauguration of the Jewish Music Endowment Fund, which will annually subsidize Jewish music programming for the synagogue and the community. In conjunction with the establishment of the Endowment Fund, the cantor's bimah chair in the sanctuary will also be dedicated by the Cohen family in his honor.

Cantor Kirshblum

The Endowment Fund has made it possible for the congregation to have the renowned cantor, **David Bagley,** of Montreal, daven as the first guest cantor to inaugurate the program. Services are at 8:30 a.m. A congregational kiddush follows.

Sunday, Nov. 22

OVER THE OCEAN

Beit Halochem Canada, Jerusalem chapter, presents the award-winning Israeli film *Over the Ocean* (in Hebrew with English sub-titles), which examines the dilemma of a post-Holocaust family who leave Israel for new lives in Canada. There are two showings, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., at the Ontario Science Centre.

Tickets are $18 adults, $10 students. For information and tickets, call **Dorothy** at the Beit Halochem office at 488-7649 or **Hannah** at 886-2587 or **Sarah** at 731-7229. All proceeds will be donated to Beit Halochem.

BROTHERHOOD HONOREE BREAKFAST

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood's honoree breakfast is honoring **Eddie Machtinger** for his dedication to the brotherhood and the synagogue. Guest speaker is **Monte Kwinter**, MPP. Services are at 9:30 a.m., breakfast at 10.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Congregation Darchei Noam presents a gigantic community garage sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Bargains galore will be offered — gently used clothing, toys, games, books, household items, housewares, plus boutiques featuring designer clothes and decorator specials, coffee and home baking. Admission is free.

HEALTH AND THE MODERN MAN

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club's Health and the Modern Man series concludes with **Dr. Bernard Goldman**, chief of cardiac surgery, Sunnybrook Hospital, speaking on Heart Disease. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30.

STEREOTYPES AND CONSEQUENCES

Jack Siegel, University of Toronto professor of organizational behavior, will speak on Kikes, Japs, Sheenies, to Jew—Stereotypes and Consequences at the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood breakfast meeting. The public is invited and admission is free. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Beth Tzedec Men's Club breakfast program features **Julius Ciss**, director, Jews for Judaism, speaking on Impossible Confrontation: Evangelical Alert to the Jewish Community. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. (nominal charge), lecture at 10 (no charge). Everyone is welcome.

AARON LANSKY TO SPEAK

In commemoration of the 75th yahrzeit of **Mendele Moykher-Sforim**, the "grandfather of Yiddish literature," **Aaron Lansky,** director, National Yiddish Book Centre, will give an address entitled Mendele Moykher-Sforim and the Inauspicious Birth of Yiddish Literature at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. This evening is co-sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto; Holy Blossom Temple Continuing Education, and Friends of Yiddish. Admission is free. For further information, call **Sylvia Lustgarten,** Committee for Yiddish, at 635-2883, ext. 155.

Aaron Lansky

ISRAEL BOND BRUNCH

The Zaglembier Society held its annual Israel Bond brunch at the Borochov Centre recently. This year, in addition to the regular Bond sales by the members, the society purchased a Canadian VRI in the amount of $25,000. Seen here is secretary-treasurer Simon Slivka (second from left) handing over the cheque. With him are (from left) Alter Pomocnik, vice-president; Carlos Rizowy, guest speaker; Joe Kichler, Bond chair; Marek Zelzen, Bond co-chair.

Monday, Nov. 23

CICF FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Toronto chapter of Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation presents award-winning Israeli-born violinist **Guy Braunstein** in concert at the Jane Mallet Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. He will be accompanied by pianist **Vag Papian**, who immigrated to Israel in 1990 from the former Soviet Republic of Armenia.

A reception sponsored by the Ford Motor Company of Canada will follow the concert. For further information, contact **Grace Brooker** at 921-2103.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Beth Tikvah Synagogue adult education series, Pressures on Conservative Jews in Contemporary Society, is featuring a dinner-dialogue at 6 p.m. with **Rabbi Michael Greenbaum**, vice-chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary. The 8 p.m. lecture is on the topic The Jewish Theological Seminary: A Century of Achievement. Dinner is $6 and prior reservations are necessary.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Rabbi Akiva Tatz, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach of South Africa, concludes his lecture tour in Toronto with a talk on Love and Marriage at 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. For further imformation, call 886-5730.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH CLASSES

Chabad Lubavitch class with **Rabbi Yosef Gansburg** on Unearthing the World of the Bible will deal with A Successor is Born—Abraham and Isaac—Unique Yet Similar. This class runs 7:45-8:35 p.m. **Rabbi Mendel Bernstein's** course, Soul Trek, will focus on the Jewish Soul, from 8:30-9:40 p.m. Classes take place at Chabad Lubavitch, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. For information, call 731-7000.

SHA'ARON CHARTER, BBW/C

Sha'aron chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, invites you to join in a fun evening, a Chinese Auction, with all proceeds going to B'nai Brith fundraising. Admission is a wrapped gift of $5 value. For information, call **Cecile** at 965-9822.

THE BASICS

Basics next session is Relationships I: Intimacy, a practical look at building meaningful and lasting relationships. The time is 8 p.m. at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. Cost is $6. Phone 636-7530 for information.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

ISRAEL AND THE PEACE PROCESS

Canadian Young Judaea and Hashomer Hatzair invite the public to hear an address by Israel consul general in Toronto **Dror Zeigerman** at 7:30 p.m. at the Zionist Building, 788 Marlee Ave. The topic — Israel and the Peace Process. All youth are urged to be present and participate in this special evening.

THE LAWS OF MOURNING

As part of a five-part lecture series entitled Night and Mourning, on Jewish traditions of Aveilus, **Rabbi Steven Cohen** of Kehillat Shaarei Torah will focus on the customs of the shiva week of mourning. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. For information, call 229-2600.

TORAH FOR TYCOONS

Businessmen and professionals are invited to a special luncheon featuring **Rabbi Akiva Tatz** of South Africa, who is in Canada for a five-day visit with Ohr Somayach Thornhill. The luncheon, the kick off of Ohr Somayach's Torah for Tycoons series, will be held in the offices of Schwartz, Levitsky & Feldman Accountants, 1167 Caledonia Rd. For further information or reservations, call **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Ismar Schorsch, chancellor, Jewish Theological Seminary, will speak on Conservative Judaism—As I See It at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Members of all Conservative synagogues, the Toronto Jewish community, and the public are invited. No admission charge.

THE JEWS OF SPAIN

The Isadore Brudner Memorial Lecture, The Jews of Spain: Urgent Lessons of Our Times from the Pages of Sephardic History, will be delivered by **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein** at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue. No charge.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting features media consultant **Howard English** speaking on How the Results of the American Elections Will Affect Israel. The time is 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue. RSVP is necessary. Call **Ruth Fruitman** at 731-6660.

IN-DOOR GARAGE SALE

You are all invited to an In-Door Garage sale from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Free coffee and bargains galore! For more information, call the synagogue office at 633-3838 or **Molly** at 633-1560.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Why Breastfeed Your Baby?, the first in a series of four monthly meetings, at 8 p.m. at 20 Loma Vista, Thornhill. Discussion will focus on the advantages of breastfeeding and current scientific discoveries about breastmilk. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies are welcome. For information, phone **Joyce** at 881-8779 or **Robin** at 886-8364, or **Karen** at 512-7974 or **Risa** at 738-8870.

ITALIAN COOKING

This session of the Kosher Cooking School concentrates on Italian Cooking. The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. The fee is $15. Call 635-9550 for information and registration details.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will focus on Book of Kings I, Chapter VIII, Verses 30-66, with **Eva Dessen**. The group meets at 8:15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

JEWISH SOUL MUSIC

Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting the video, *Jewish Soul Music*, an anthology of our heritage in music, at 2 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre, Bathurst-Sheppard area). Members free, non-members $1. For information, call **Millie Herzog** at 221-7207.

THE SECRETS OF KABBALAH

The six-week course on The Secrets of Kabbalah with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** continues with Light and Vessels: Colors and Simplicity at 8 p.m. at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. Each class may be attended independently and there is no charge. For information, call 886-0420.

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Canada (Thornhill area), invites you to an evening on home safety with a presentation by York regional police. The time is 8 p.m. For information, call **Anna** at 660-5158.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement group will be visiting the Dennis Museum at Beth Tzedec Synagogue to view the exhibit, The Sephardic Spirit. Meet at 1 p.m. at Beth Tzedec. Tea and cookies will be served. Admission is $1. For further information, call **Deborah** at 789-3291.

BOOK OF THE BRUNCH

At Beth Tzedec Sisterhood's Book of the Brunch, reviewer **Ruby Newman** will present a tribute to Adele Wiseman and discuss her book *Crackpot* at 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue. Members $5, guests $7.

TEMPLE SINAI BROTHERHOOD DRAW

Temple Sinai Brotherhood annual draw for $10,000 in cash prizes and door prizes takes place at a dinner evening that also includes hors-d'oeuvre and open bar. Tickets are $130 with partial income tax receipt. Proceeds will help assist the temple with projects such as children's attendance at Reform summer camps and visits to Israel. Call **Howard Zippan** at 445-0916 or **Lew Rasminsky** at 764-5166.

SEPHARAD '92

Sepharad '92 at Holy Blossom Temple concludes with Come to the Kasbah featuring **Sue Devor**. Learn how to prepare tasty Sephardic fare with temple member "Sweet Sue" at 8 p.m. Members $5, non-members $8.

THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education committee series, The Place of Israel in the New World Order, with **Prof. Morton Manilla** continues with The Iranian Revolution After Qhomeini at 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

SIN, SALVATION & TESHUVAH

Sin, Salvation and Teshuvah, and Miracles, part of the What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries series presented by Jews for Judaism, takes place at 8 p.m. at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. Charge is $5. For information, call 789-2851.

Thursday, Nov. 26

ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE

The Canada-Israel Committee presents A Framework for Arab-Israeli Peace: UN Security Council Resolution 242 (Nov. 22, 1967), a 25th anniversary retrospective, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. Guest speakers are **Vernon G. Turner**, former Canadian ambassador to Israel; **Gabriel Ben-Dor**, visiting professor of political science, York University; **Edward M. Morgan**, Toronto lawyer, expert on international legal affairs.

YIDDISH PRODUCTION

Prof. Ben Zion Shek, professor emeritus, Department of French, lecturer in Yiddish, University of Toronto, will give a background lecture on the Yiddish production of the play which will be the opening feature of Jewish Book Fair. The lecture is Michel Tremblay's Les Belles Soeurs, the Playwright, The Play, The Context—An Introduction to the Montreal Yiddish Theatre Production *Di Shvegerins*. Sponsored by United Jewish People's Order, lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. For information, call 789-5502.

WOMEN'S MINYAN

University of Toronto students have formed a women's minyan which will meet at 7:30 a.m. at Jewish Students' Union, 604 Spadina Ave., followed by breakfast and discussion.

FOODS CAN KILL—LEARN HOW

Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Dr., is hosting **Beth Goldstein**, chair, Anaphylaxis Project in the Allergy-Asthma Information Association, who will speak on Foods Can Kill—Learn How. The time is 8 p.m.

And What Else Is New...

THE SEPHARDIC SPIRIT

Beth Tzedec's Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum, the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada, the Federation of Canadian Turkish Associations, and the Turkish Culture and Folklore Society of Canada present two special exhibits marking the anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. The Sephardic Spirit, and Turkish Jews: 500 Years of Harmony will be on display at Beth Tzedec Congregation, Nov. 23-Feb. 28. For more information or to book a tour, call **Dorion Liebgott** at 781-3511.

THE COMMON GROUND CHALLENGE

You are invited to The Common Ground Challenge, Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7:45 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Well-known personalities including **Al Waxman, Eddie Greenspan** and **Irwin Cotler** will be assuming the roles of Israeli and Arab diplomats. Members of the audience, too, will have the opportunity to join in the negotiations as Israelis and Arabs.

Tickets are $50 and $100 (partial income tax receipt). To reserve and for further information, call **Sender Axelbaum** at 636-1880, ext. 265.

CJC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On Nov. 27-29, the third Northern Ontario Regional Conference sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, will take place at Sudbury's Senator Hotel. It will focus on the continuity of Jewish life in the north, current events in Canada and the Middle East, and the history and culture of Sephardim.

Speakers include CJC Ontario region executive director **Manuel Prutschi; Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg** of Ryerson Institute; **Dr. Jacques Abourbih** of Sudbury; **David Rotenberg**, a CJC officer; and **Susan Jackson**, CJC director of community services and youth activities.

Registration is $75 adults, $40 teenagers (12-16), no charge children under 12. For more information, write to Susan Jackson, Canadian Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2, or fax (416) 635-1408 or phone (416) 635-2883, ext. 152.

MARKHAM ST. SHUL LECTURES

The lecture series at Markham St. Shul, 397 Markham St., Tuesdays, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, and Dec. 8, focuses on Exploring Jewish Ethics and Spirituality with **Rabbi Michael Skobac** at 7:30 p.m., followed at 8:30 with Through the Eyes of Judaism with **Rabbi Mitch Mandel**. For information, call 533-0007.

YIDDISH CLASSES

There is still room to register for some Yiddish classes — Yiddish Conversation, Yiddish High School class, and the children's classes. To register and for information, contact **Sylvia Lustgarten** at 635-2883, ext. 155.

NEW NCJW BRANCH

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, has recently formed a new branch of women from the former Soviet Union. This group meets monthly to enjoy stimulating, educational and social programs. All interested new members are welcome. For more information, call **Marsha Slavens** or **Dody Rudson** at 633-5100.

BETH SHOLOM PROGRAMS

Beth Sholom Synagogue weekly programs include classes with **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein** on the theme Bright New Lights from Ancient Lamps, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; and Singalong with **Cantor Israel Gutman**, Thursdays at 8 p.m., starting Nov. 26 (no charge, call the office to register).

For further information, call the synagogue office at 783-6103.

CREATING DANCE AT KOFFLER

Canadian choreographer/teacher/performer **Maxine Heppner** returns to the Koffler Centre School of Dance as guest teacher after a two-year extensive tour of teaching, doing research and performances. She will be conducting two special workshops in dance for students and young dancers Nov. 22-Dec. 10 — Workshop A offering 12 intensive hours over an eight day period for intermediate/advanced students (ballet, jazz and modern), and Workshop B for younger dancers 8-12 years, and beginners offering 7½ hours of intensive sessions over a six day period. The final performance, a product of these workshops, takes place Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St.

For information, call the dance department at 631-5659.

IFDC GOES KLEZMER

The International Folk Dance Club (IFDC) of the University of Toronto is going klezmer with klezmer musician/singer/dancer **Michael Alpert** and members of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, with dance classes and parties with live music all weekend, Nov. 20-22, at the Faculty of Education gym, 371 Bloor St. W. For details regarding schedules and fees, call **Jane** at 534-7083 or **Judy** or **Bill** at 658-7876.

BAYCREST CATERING'S PARTY SHOW

If you're planning a conference, luncheon, banquet, or even a wedding, the people at Baycrest Catering can help make your special event a success. On Sunday, Nov. 29, Baycrest Catering is holding a Party Show from 7-10 p.m. at Baycrest Terrace, 55 Ameer Ave., to familiarize the public with the many facilities and services available for private parties. A number of experts in photography, video, decor, music and invitations will be on hand. Also, complimentary wine and hors-d'oeuvre will be served. For more information or for a free consultation, call 785-2477.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following workshops— Parenting: Our Challenge in the '90s (call for information on groups for Parenting Teens, Parenting the Preschooler—Preventative Medicine; Step Parenting-The Joys and the Challenges; Parenting Adopted Children; The Older Parent); Middle Life, Menopause and Me (four weeks to begin mid- January); Parenting the Adopted Child (begins for six weeks early January); Jews by Choice.

For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

MOMMY AND ME

Registration is now open for session II of Mommy and Me, a special program for Jewish children, 18-24 months, and their mommies. It runs Thursday mornings from 10-11, Jan. 14-Feb. 18, at Torah Tots Pre-School, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill, a project of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham. Registration fee is $10 per session. For more information and registration, call **Goldie** at 886-0420 now!

at the JCC

Sunday babysitting for ages 6 weeks to 5 years at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., will be held on a trial basis Nov. 22 and Nov. 29, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For further information, call **Sharon** at 737-1880, ext. 229.

An Oneg Shabbat luncheon features musician **Naomi Bell** in a program of Music from the Shtetl, Friday, Nov. 27, at noon at the JCC North Y branch. For further information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Twentysomthing Downtowners Club (24-35) has arranged brunch and theatre Sunday, Nov. 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). Reservations by Thursday, Nov. 19. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

for seniors

The Good Age Club of the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) presents The Rockettes (dancers) Thursday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m., and a fashion show Thursday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for information.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Meeting Room 2, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Programs include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards and more. Call **Viola Landman** at 886-2625 for information.

LZA Seniors Club has changed the date of the Chanukah party to Saturday, Dec. 12. It will feature **Phil Gold** and his orchestra. Tickets available from **Joe Isenman**. Miami registration continues Wednesday mornings at 10. Discussion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 10 and Ladies Dance Group gets together Tuesdays at 1 p.m. All activities take place at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 23 will be a free evening for games. Call 782-9432 or 635-5604 for information.

At the **Wagman Centre**, the 60 and Holding nutrition and weight counselling program, begins another eight-week session Nov. 18 (there's still time to join). For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267. A travel and personal slide show by photographer **Philip Pellat** is set for Sunday, Nov. 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m. The Tuesday evening program, Nov. 24, features violinist **Uri Zaidenberg** from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Young at Heart Seniors trip to Florida for one or two months or whatever you want offers choice of two hotels, Seabrook in Surfside for $1,830 Canadian funds, including efficiency, deluxe medical and cancellation; and Marco Polo for $2,220.25 with efficiency and including everything. Everyone welcome. Partners available. Call **Helen** at 635-6343.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club activities include—a dance Saturday, Nov. 21, 7-10 p.m.; a dance with a live band Sunday, Nov. 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; the movie *Stage Door Canteen* Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m.; 5-pin bowling at York Bowlerama for members Mondays at 1 p.m.; local day trips for members ($5); Stage West to see *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* Wednesday, Dec. 9, $30 per person which includes transportation, all-you-can-eat buffet, taxes and tips. For information, call 636-7856.

Sunshine Travel Group 50 Plus has arranged a trip to Stage West Wednesday, Nov. 25, to see *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. Also, registration is being taken for Florida trip leaving Jan. 12 for four, six, seven or eight weeks at Colonial Inn. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club visits Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd., 68 Tycos Dr., Thursday, Nov. 26. where a film will be shown at 1:15 p.m. Meet at the synagogue at 12:30 p.m. or go to Billy Bee on your own to be there in time for the film. Bring your own lunch. Coffee will be served there. Brochures are available for Florida trip. Registration is being taken for the Israel Purim Trip (March 1-22). For information on all trips and activities, contact **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Sunrise Group is planning New Years in California Dec. 28-Jan. 7 including Rose Bowl Parade; Miami for one month, Feb. 1-March 1 at Sassoun Hotel; Egypt and Israel including four-night Nile cruise, April 18-May 3. Partners available. Call **Esther** at 932-2534 or **Manny** at 633-7463. You can meet with Esther and Manny every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre for information on partners and trip details.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents an educational program on Immunization and Travelling Abroad with **Lisa Sawyer** of Connaught Laboratories Thursday, Nov. 26, at 1:30 p.m.

The movie *Wuthering Heights* will be screened Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

The Creative Choir will perform at the Wednesday afternoon social, Nov. 25, at 1:30. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. For more information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

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JCC leaders hold conference

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg's YMHA Jewish Community Centre played host Oct. 22-25 to this year's annual Canadian Council of YM-YWHA's and Jewish Community Centres Conference. This mark the first time in the organization's six-year history that its conference had been held here.

The Canadian Council was formed in Toronto in 1986. A branch of the Jewish Community Centres Association of North America, the Canadian Council developed because the ten to fifteen Canadian Jewish Community Centres realized that there were some strictly Canadian issues and concerns that were not of interest to their American counterparts.

Previous conferences have been held in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, notes Les Marks, the Winnipeg centre's executive director. "Our president, Arnold Glass, took a strong position in recommending this conference be held here," he says.

The conference (the theme of which was Continuing the Journey; Out of Our Past Springs Our Future) opened with a reception and welcome, by the Winnipeg Centre board of directors, which was held at the YMHA Community Centre. "We wanted to show people our centre," says Marks. "At other conferences which I have attended, almost all the activity takes place in a hotel and we sometimes don't see the local Y."

The 30 delegates were welcomed by Glass and Sydney Halpern, president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. They were given a tour of the building and heard a presentation by Marjorie Blankstein and Sheldon Berney on Winnipeg's proposed Jewish Community Campus project. They also heard an address by Anita Winestock of Vancouver, the president of the Canadian Council of YM-YWHAs and Jewish Community Centres.

The conference proper was held at the Westin Hotel and began on the morning of Oct. 23. On the agenda were sessions on Canadian Jewish demographics, integrating Russian immigrants, obtaining grant and foundation money, youth marketing, the relationship with the synagogue and inter-agency issues. All sessions were led by Winnipeggers.

"We did what other conferences have done," observes Naomi Globerman, the Y's adult service director, who organized the conference with Marks. "We decided to highlight local people, some of whom are nationally known names, rather than bring in speakers from outside the city. We also tried to present opportunities for people, such as Russian immigrants and teens, people directly involved in our programs, to participate through panel discussions."

Marks notes that the Winnipeg Ys board members were invited to attend all the sessions and events. He reports all the Canadian Ys and Jewish Community Centres, except for newer ones in Kelowna and Victoria in British Columbia and Windsor, Ontario, had representatives at the conference. In addition to the working sessions, the delegates were entertained by the seniors Stay Young Choir and an evening at the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre production of *Shmulnik's Waltz*.

The Canadian Council president, Winestock, reports the council is planning on rotating national meetings across the country both as a way of introducing the council to its constituent communities as well as allowing board and staff members of Jewish Community Councils across the country to sit in on meetings, have direct input and see what the council is doing.

Omission

A story in our Nov. 12 issue, titled *Greeks' heroic war efforts to save Jews recognized*, did not indicate that the Holocaust Education Week program took place at the Petach-Tikva Anshe Castilla Synagogue.

Haligonians recall Nazis' victims

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —

More than 60 community and religious leaders participated in the first annual Day of Dignity march and ceremony in downtown Halifax Nov. 9. It was established to affirm the better qualities of human nature and remember Nazi victims of all nationalities and creeds.

The 10-minute silent march from Nova Scotia's Province House to the Cenotaph at Halifax's Grand Parade brought together rabbis and congregants, political leaders and citizens, church leaders from all faiths and community heads from a variety of ethnic groups.

Marchers carried candles during the silent walk "to pay tribute to, and mark the moral courage and stature of Canadians who met Hitler's challenge," said Larry Riteman, chair of the Atlantic Jewish Council's national Holocaust remembrance committee.

Riteman, son of a Holocaust survivor, said the turnout was encouraging for a first-class venture. The 60 marchers represented an invited group.

"I hope it will be an annual event that will involve many more members of the general public," he said.

Rabbi Marvin Pritzker of the Beth Israel Congregation told the story of Kristallnacht, the November night in 1938 when Germans destroyed Jewish businesses and synagogues and began their purge of Jews across their country. He said "this date was selected as the Day of Dignity to remember that event." Rabbi Pritzker, Halifax mayor Moira Ducharme, and war veteran Fred Hull placed yahrzeit candles at the cenotaph.

Ducharme said it is important that we remember what the Nazis did to all nationalities and all creeds. "It is befitting we labor so that people suffer no more indignities," she said.

Hull, a Newfoundlander who served in the Royal Air Force in World War II, told the assembly he was "here to remember all those who lost their lives for our freedom."

Other attendees included former Halifax archbishop James Hayes, Dartmouth East member of the legislature Jim Smith, former Halifax mayor and provincial MLA Edmund Morris, and black community leaders Bridjial Pachair, chair of the provincial Human Rights Commission and Rev. Darrell Gray.

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WZO leader urges community to highlight Israeli issues

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Rabbi Joseph Wernick sees the role of Mercaz Canada (Conservative Judaism's Zionist arm) as the conscience of Canadian Zionism. He believes Israeli issues should be placed high on the agenda of every Jewish community through community councils representing all the syngogues, special Mercaz bulletin boards in synagogues, Israel news in synagogue bulletins, calendar listing important Zionist anniversaries and Israeli holidays, travel information and more education programs in the Jewish schools.

The head of the Department of Jewish Education and Culture of the World Zionist Organization, the American-born Rabbi Wernick has played a leading role in building Mercaz into a worldwide organization.

His views, as presented to the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism — Mercaz Canada Biennial Conference in Winnipeg on Nov. 8, were not, it would seem, universally shared. Rabbi Henry Balser, spiritual leader of the host Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, in his introduction of Wernick, reflected a disagreement that had reared its head earlier in the day.

Rabbi Balser stressed the need to develop a Torah-centred Judaism, arguing that the Holocaust and Israel are not as relevant to younger North American Jews. "We are seeing the death of ethnic Judaism," he said. "In our open society, and with a growing number of concerns, we have to redefine what it means to be Jewish in a North American context. We can still have a healthy dialogue with Israel, but ours in not an Israeli Judaism." Israel can motivate people who are already committed but it won't draw others. To be Jewish in North America is a voluntary act."

Rabbi Wernick disagreed most passionately. "You can't separate Torah and Israel, Judaism and Zionism," he said. "They are all inclusive."

He and his wife fulfilled their dream of aliyah, he asserted, because they wanted to "be involved in what was being created in and help build" the Jewish homeland rather than "just send money. We know Israel is far from what we want it to be but we are striving to bring about change," he said. "Our movement brings a lot to the country. Israel needs our democratic values, our openess, our religious tolerance."

Rabbi Wernick believes that one can be a complete Jew by living in Israel, where we are not a majority. He urged every rabbi to mention aliyah regularly from his pulpit and that every Jew be made aware that aliyah is an option. "Research shows that having a young person visit Israel for an extended stay is one of the most effective ways of strenghtening that person's sense of Jewishness," he said. "What are we doing to bring more people to Israel? Intermarriage is reaching higher and higher levels. By 2020, Israel will have the largest Jewish population in the world."

JCC to house BBYO office

TORONTO —

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (Lake Ontario region), will formally open its new offices at the Jewish Community Centre on Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The move will result in the immediate affiliation of the BBYO program with the Jewish Community Centre in Toronto.

The new working relationship has been realized through the combined efforts and support of BBYO, the JCC, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and many of the lodges of B'nai Brith Canada.

For more information contact Miriam Pilc at 635-9411.

Ombudsman calls for dialogue between native Indians and Jews

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A dialogue between members of the Jewish community and native Indians would be useful, it was suggested recently by Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman of Ontario.

Jamieson, an Indian who resides on the Six Nations Reserve at Brantford, spoke at a meeting during Holocaust Education Week sponsored by the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto and chaired by Earl Albrecht. It was held at the Barbara Frum Memorial Library.

Such a dialogue could lead to a relationship that would serve as a model for other communities to follow, Jamieson said.

A representative of B'nai Brith in the audience reminded the speaker that B'nai Brith has formed a committee with native peoples' organizations and it had succeeded in silencing a Hamilton radio station broadcasting anti-native material.

Jamieson said she recalled the Hamilton action and thanked the questioner.

Speaking of events in Yugoslavia, Germany and Italy, the Ombudsman said: "Kristallnacht is not a distant event, but a recurring phenomenon."

By the year 2001, 45 percent of Canada's population will be non-Caucasians and they will have a better education and a better income than whites, Jamieson said, adding: "This can have a dangerous connotation for visible minorities."

There are "terrifying signs" that the world has not learned a lesson from the Holocaust, said Eleanor Getzler, chair, Holocaust Education Week, in opening remarks.

L. Elly Gotz, a member of Christian Jewish Dialogue, thanked the speaker.

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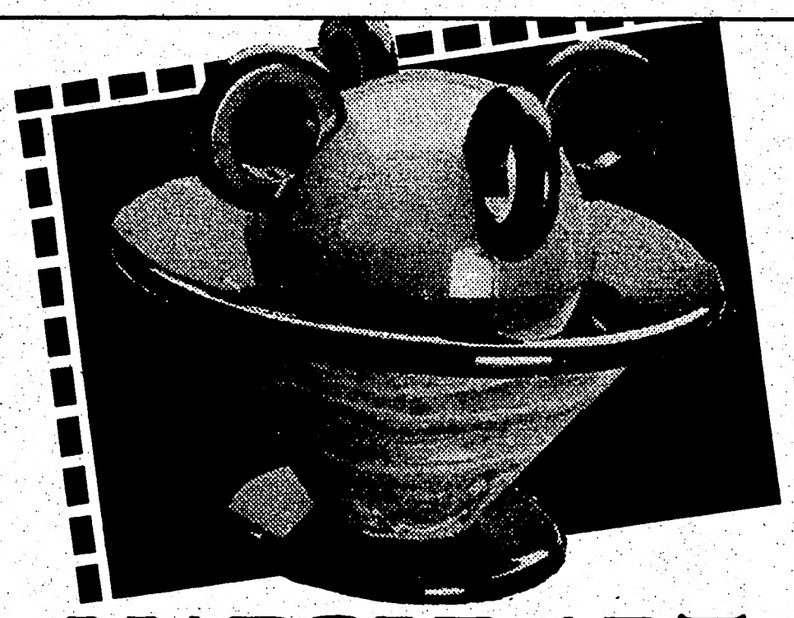

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Organizations and People

Survivors, children, not seen as distinct group

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"It is a great mistake to speak of survivors or children of survivors as a homogeneous group," says a Montreal psychiatrist who pioneered the study of second generation effects of the Holocaust. Dr. John Sigal spoke to a capacity crowd last week at Temple Har Zion as part of Holocaust Education Week.

Psychological and physical aftereffects of the Holocaust were first noted in survivors shortly after the war, and were substantiated up to 35 years later, Sigal said. Miraculously, however, about 50 to 60 percent of survivors don't seem to have suffered any such long-lasting effects, said Sigal, despite the high probability.

It's not surprising to think that survivors' children could be adversely affected, said Sigal. He noted years ago that many Holocaust survivors were bringing their children to the outpatient psychiatry department at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, of which he is now research director.

"These children were expected to supply gratification normally coming from mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters [and other family members], many of whom had already died," said Sigal. The result was either rigid discipline or the opposite situation, where the child was seen as inviolate. The children likewise saw the parents as inviolate, because of the suffering they had experienced. This led in some cases to feelings of depression and emptiness, in others to "agitated hyperactivity."

Sigal reminded the audience, however, that "if you try to view the world from the point of view of people who are ill, you get a very distorted perception."

To obtain a more balanced view of the effects on children of survivors, Sigal initiated a study comparing children of survivors, children of pre-war immigrants from countries which were later occupied by the Nazis, and children of North American parents, all of whom were age 19-35 and Jewish. The results have been published in a book, *Trauma and Rebirth: Intergenerational Effects of the Holocaust*, which Sigal co-authored with Morton Weinfeld.

The subjects of the study each filled out a 400-item questionnaire, asking questions such as "Have your parents ever pressured you to achieve?" and "How often are you in contact with your mother?" The questions, and responses, elicited knowing laughter from Sigal's audience.

Over 80 percent of *all* subjects experienced parental pressure to achieve. "Maybe it's a Jewish phenomenon," suggested Sigal.

The one area that showed a difference — a possible higher suicide rate among children of survivors — was a disturbing one, although Sigal stressed that his sample group of 575 people was not large enough to provide strong evidence.

Another noteworthy finding was that 52 percent of children of survivors reported being positively affected by their parents' experience. "That's an intriguing finding," said Sigal. "My interpretation is that there's something about living with survivors, discovering that people can survive, that enables the children to think maybe I can deal with adversity as well."

Sigal pointed out the possible misinterpretations of such findings, noting that it took a group of psychoanalysts to convince Germany to pay reparations to survivors whose ability to function so well belied their suffering, pain and anguish. "It's quite remarkable to get these demonstrations of human resilience," noted Sigal.

Sigal's study also included questions about young grandchildren of survivors, age 6 to 12. Results indicated that they were functioning better than the children in the other two groups, although "by and large there were no differences."

Sigal concluded by expressing his respect for survivors' ability to overcome adversity, to create families that function as well, if not better, than others, and for their contributions to the community.

Al Waxman

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Al Waxman will host the evening, and Eddie Greenspan, Irwin Cotler, Moshe Ronen, Frank Dimant, Sheila Engel and Steve Ain will play some of the parts of diplomats involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In the spirit of the home seminars, the audience will receive briefing packets enabling them to assume the roles of various political parties and participate in the seminar.

Common Ground was founded by staff members at Aish HaTorah in Jerusalem, which provided the seed money to develop the current seminar. Common Ground is now independent, and the upcoming program is its first community-wide fundraiser.

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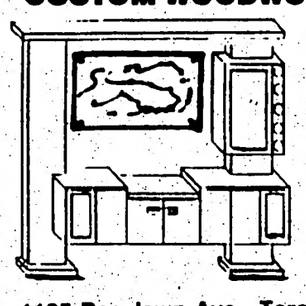
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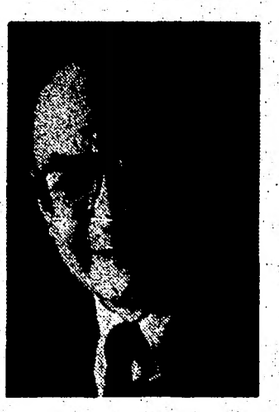
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Community, student links essential, conference told

By WENDOLYN KAUFMAN

LONDON, Ont. —

The importance of forging strong ties between the Jewish community and Jewish students on campus was emphasized at the National Campus Services' fall retreat.

For two days 65 students, community professionals and lay people examined what the National Planning and Budgeting Conference of Canadian Jewry (NBC) could do to help student campus groups.

A panel consisting of a student, professional and lay person summarized the results of their individual group workshop discussion.

Shelly Maerov, national chair of the NBC Campus Planning group spoke on behalf of the lay persons. He promised to establish a "formal link" between the campuses and local Jewish communities; to give more priority to the Jewish student campus organizations when determining NBC's budget allocations; and to establish a lay community committee whose role would be to support and facilitate Jewish student groups.

The director of the Community Services and Youth Acitvities for the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress, Susan Jackson, represented the interests of professionals. She suggested a "national mandate" or the formation of a "social contract" as a forum where students, professionals and lay leaders could tackle pressing issues.

Money is needed for a director to nationally co-ordinate all campuses and communities. The task of this director would include assisting the currently unserviced small Jewish communities from the eastern and western regions of Canada and to connect these communities to nearby larger Jewish centres.

She suggested creating a National Resource Centre. This centre would provide educational facilities, one example being a Holocaust display, for circulation to different campuses.

Jackson addressed the apparent lack of professional support. She suggested the creation of a national development conference where community professionals can upgrade their skills, where issues can be addressed to individually support, what was cleverly dubbed, the "etcetera communities" (i.e., the 'marginal' campus communities such as Trent and Brock).

Student Nisa Krongold from Queens University described the student's two most important issues.

First, the need for access to regional professional staff who can help the student organizations deal with critical problems such as anti-Semitism and intermarriage.

Second, the need to heighten communication between campuses in order to publicize the concerns or happenings of other campus communities and to assist less successful campus organizations. This can be achieved in a number of ways from electronic mail to creating a catalogue of programs and speakers.

With reference to budgeting problems, Krongold quoted Michael Goldberg from Ryerson Polytechnical: "The Federation should not treat students as an expense but as an investment."

Jackson captured the spirit of the entire two days when she shared an old Jewish anecdote: Rabbi Akiva went every year into the forest, lit a fire and said a prayer. The generation thereafter went into the forest, lit a fire but forgot the prayer. The generation thereafter went into the forest, but did not know how to light a fire. The generation thereafter could not find their way to the forest. She concluded: "With you people siting in this room, we will find that way [back into the forest]."

Revisionist's press conference gets cancelled

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Holiday Inn Downtown City Hall last week cancelled a news conference in which a west coast geologist was to launch a book alleging that aerial photographs of Auschwitz had been doctored.

The cancellation came shortly after hotel manager Ralph Sabourin was informed by Canadian Jewish Congress as to the background of John Ball, a Vancouver-based geologist who testified for Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel at his "false news" trial in 1988.

Sabourin said the hotel does not support or endorse the views of any interest group. "We are in the business of renting rooms and. . . it is not appropriate for us to ask their affiliation. Our main concern is the safety and security of our hotel guests."

Sabourin said a meeting room that accommodates 50 was booked by Ball under his own name and the hotel had no information as to his background. The hotel subsequently received information as to Ball's affiliations and it took "about one and a half minutes" to cancel the booking, he said.

CJC appauds hotel

Congress spokesman Bernie Farber applauded the hotel's quick action in denying Ball a venue to release his book. Farber noted that Ball was on the same speaking bill with British Holocaust revisionist David Irving in Toronto recently.

Ball also testified at Zundel's second trial in 1988, attempting at that time to question U.S. aerial reconnaissance photographs that showed the layout of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in 1944. However, the trial judge in the case declined to permit Ball to testify on that subject, finding he was unqualified to give expert evidence.

Ball attracted further media attention in September 1991 when he ran as a Social Credit candidate in a provincial election in British Columbia.

He quit the party when his connection to Zundel became known, though he denied sharing Zundel's views. He claimed at the time that he was merely providing a professional service for Zundel at his 1988 trial.

But a news release sent to *The CJN* last week announcing Ball's book-launching claims that "marks shown in the CIA report as gas chamber vents, fences around the crematoriums and prisoners marching to the gas chambers were drawn on the photos, while the original air photos do not appear to show evidence of mass exterminations or cremations."

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Organizations and People

Term Kristallnacht minimizes Nazi pogroms, says professor

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

The name Kristallnacht was invented by the Nazis to cover up their horrendous crimes of Nov. 9/10 of 1938 and should not be used — especially by Jews, says David Kirk, a survivor and former professor at the University of Waterloo.

Instead, he said, the event should be called Pogromnacht, or Reichspogromnacht, as used in present day Germany by a number of "societies for Christian-Jewish co-operation." (A pogrom, according to the Random House Dictionary , is "an organized massacre — especially of Jews.")

Kirk told a Holocaust memorial service at Congregation Emanu-El that in German, Kristall means "fine glassware," and in English, crystal is "glass of a high degree of brilliance." Thus, in both German and English usage, "the meaning of the term is positive and perhaps even endearing."

He said Nazi propaganda set out to alter the mind-set of the German people, not only by poisoning it with the image of the Jew as the archetype of evil, but by justifying the evil actions of the Nazi regime against the Jews as "an operation of racial hygiene." He said that "by attaching to the government-arranged mass pogrom of Nov. 9/10 the seemingly lighthearted term Kristallnacht, "they managed to obfuscate the realities of the pogrom."

Kirk said that "if we don't want unwittingly and retroactively to fall prey to this propaganda ourselves, we must think how to remember the events without using that term of the Nazi language."

By using the name Kristallnacht, Jews minimize the events and cover over the fact that it was not just broken plate glass from hundreds of thousands of Jewish shops, "but thousands of synagogues set on fire and destroyed, Torah scrolls desecrated, and Jewish people mercilessly beaten, killed and sent to Dachau and Buchenwald camps," he pointed out.

Kirk added that Jews may be ignorant of the fact that the Nazis levied from the Jewish communities a thousand million marks for the damage the pogrom had done to their own lives and property. "By using the infamous term, we make ourselves forget that the Kristallnacht pogrom was the orchestrated prelude to the Holocaust, itself."

Kirk said David Irving's biography of Goering has a chapter called Sunshine Girl and Crystal Night. The sunshine girl was Edda, Goerings' little daughter nicknamed "the sunshine girl." By combining this nickname with the "gilded pogrom term," Irving "further obfuscated what it was all about." He said the book is "a revealing portrait of a charlatan, bot the charlatan is not its subject, but the author."

The synagogue service was conducted by Rabbi Victor Reinstein, who said that the lights in Congregation Emanu-El would be left on all night "as a symbol of hope that destructive flames are never to be lit in God's house again."

One member of the congregation, Willie Jacobs, said he found it amazing that so-called historians can say the Holocaust never happened. He was in Auschwitz and "remembers the years of Hell" he experienced there.

Need to fight racism

In Vancouver, Gordon Wilson, leader of the Liberal party of British Columbia, the official opposition, was the principal speaker at a memorial dinner of the Western Association of Holocaust-Survivor Families at Temple Sholom.

Wilson said there is an urgent need for government action to fight racism in B.C. and to build the multicultural community.

He said his party will advocate a ministry of community development to support the efforts of multicultural ethnic groups to build mutual understanding and to fight racism. He added that the party is greatly concerned about "those who promote Holocaust denial," and he called for instruction in the educational system on the Holocaust on "a day-to-day basis."

Reminded by the *CJN* reporter that the previous Social Credit government had appointed a special prosecutor in the Attorney-General's Department to probe racism and hate literature, Wilson said "nothing seems to have happened there." He expressed the opinion that moving such investigations to the Ombudsman's office might expedite the process.

A Canadian Jewish Congress committee organized the 16th annual Kristallnacht commemorative lecture in Vancouver, with Holocaust history expert Raul Hilberg as guest speaker. This was held in Beth Israel Synagogue.

Ernie Forrai, chairman of the committee, said "racism of all kinds is still to much in evidence, particularly in view of the recent visit by David Irving, who is speaking falsehoods and making outrageous statements about the Holocaust."

In a related matter, Mississauga school teacher, Paul Fromm, spoke to a small Victoria audience on Nov. 7, protesting the recent arrest in the B.C. capital of Holocaust-denier David Irving.

"To me, an author in handcuffs is a greater threat to democracy than anything Mr. Irving might have said," Fromm is quoted as saying in the *Victoria Times-Colonist* newspaper.

The news report quotes Fromm as claiming that foreign gangsters slip into Canada with ease, while writers with unpopular views, such as David Irving, get marched out of the country in handcuffs. He said criminals slip into the country by claiming refugee status.

The *Times-Colonist* quotes Fromm further that "we seem to be an easy country to get into, provided you don't have any ideas." He listed cases in which criminals gained access to Canada by claiming refugee status. The report said all of Fromm's examples involved non-white people.

The newspaper report said Fromm did not express any opinions on Irving's writing during his talk, nor did he say how he felt about the validity of the Holocaust. He did, however, have copies of Irving books for sale.

Fromm was introduced as research director of the Canadian Association for Immigration Reform. While in the West he also spoke in Vancouver and Calgary.

Return to Auschwitz shocks professor

By WENDOLYN KAUFFMAN

LONDON, Ont. —

Professor Michael Sobol stood in front of 65 people at the Jewish Community Centre in London, reflecting upon what he witnessed in Poland two years ago: "Echoes we could not get rid of gave us a hint that here was a vibrant community [before the crimes of the World War II] . . . Only in the cemetery [reading the inscriptions on the tombstones] could we see the vibrance of [what was once] life."

Holding back his tears he raged against the conversion of a hallowed place into a tourist trap. He was particularly upset with garish signs saying "Museum this way," upset with people buying ice cream, a post card and then touring Auschwitz concentration camp like sightseers.

Sobol was addressing the National Campus Services fall retreat which on Nov. 8 and 9 brought together some 65 students, community professionals and lay leaders of Jewish communities and campuses across Canada.

He asked why so many of the same people who were in Poland (during the 1990 March of the Living trip) are here together again? He concluded that those who were participating in the retreat, and those groups the participants represent across the country, are concerned about Jewish continuity. As Sobol poetically expressed, they look not to see continuity as an historical fact but to celebrate life today. Life with meaning identifying them as Jews.

Sobol revealed some shocking demographics. In the U.S., half of Jewish children lack a Jewish education. The rate of intermarriage is about 50 percent. The number who abandon Judaism is greater than the number who convert to Judaism.

The University of Western Ontario's chair of the Coalition of Western Jewish Students, Cindy Hartman, responded with her own shocking statistics. Out of 4,000 Jewish students at Western, only 400 are members of the Jewish Students Union. The dismal numbers were further illustrated by comments from representatives from Saskatoon and Brock indicating that their campus society consisted of merely 26 and two respectively. Dalhousie's student delegate talked about their growing problem of anti-Semitism. Daniel Kofler from Montreal added in reference to his community that its prime objective is youth retention in face of social and political uncertainty.

Sobol raised everyone's spirits explaining Canada's uniqueness. One can go to Brampton which has only five Jewish students and still see a Jewish organization. These small cores of campus Jewish services are the grass roots developing in these small towns. He stressed the importance of having a familiar place. Even without speaking the language or knowing the culture you have a home.

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Torah study seen central to Jewish life

By LEILA SPEISMAN

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Torah unites study with the world, the past with the present, the human with the divine, and ultimately all Jews with each other, asserts Rabbi Mark Dratch.

Rabbi Dratch, new spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, was guest speaker at the annual Kollel Esh Dat dinner, held recently at Beth Jacob Congregation.

There is a debate among the sages, Rabbi Dratch said, about whether the formal study of Torah and the observance of Torah values in daily life are two distinct realms of activity or just one.

The interpretation of Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, said Rabbi Dratch, is that, just as our children are always in our minds even if we leave them for a time, so Torah and the observance of its precepts are one.

"Torah is always with us," observed Rabbi Dratch. "It is the air we breathe, the food we eat, the blood that circulates through our body."

While there may be a hierarchy of which is really more important, he said, both the study and the appreciation of the world G-d created may be part of an expanded definition of what Torah is all about.

Just as G-d is merciful, compassionate, and creative, he said, and just as G-d taught us the Torah, so we reflect the divine image in which we are created by our learning and our actions.

Pillars of the Kollel awards were presented to Sally and Harry Gallinger and Ruth and Sid Ross. Chair of the dinner Rabbi Moshe Burak, presenting each couple with a silver challah board and knife and a specially designed challah cover, praised them for always being ready to do more than their share for the yeshivah and the annual dinner.

Rabbi Laibish Becker, brother of the Ozerov rebbe, and director of Torah projects for Agudath Israel of America, conducted a special convocation.

Dr. Aaron Jesin, Michael Klein, Harry Korolnek, Jack Kosoy, Jack Krantz, Alex Mishevski, Hy Orfus, Max Rubenstein, Sam Smith, Joe Sorger, David Wiener, and Max Zeifman received honorary bachelor of Hebrew letters degrees from the Kollel.

Korolnek, who responded on behalf of the honorees, said "we don't have to get honors — let's all just keep doing mitzvahs."

Among those attending were Rabbis Yitzchok Kerzner, Henry Hoschander, Mordechai Ochs, Sheldon Steinberg, Joseph Kelman, Moshe Lowy, Raphael Marcus, Irwin Witty, Yechiel Benayon, Wolf Gordon, Menachem Gopin and David Lawrence.

Joseph Rosenthal, president of Beth Jacob, recited Hamotzi, and synagogue chazzan Moshe Ginz led the benching.

(From left) Rabbi Joseph Kelman and Rabbi Moshe Burak look on as Rabbi Laibish Becker presents an honorary bachelor of Hebrew letters degree to Michael Klein, the youngest Kollel Esh Dat dinner honoree.

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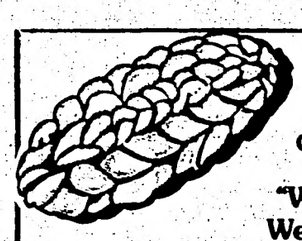

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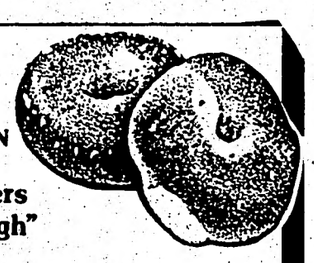

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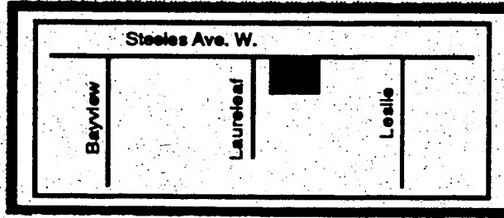

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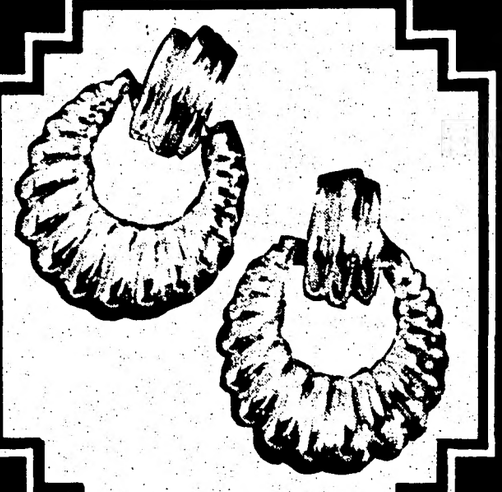

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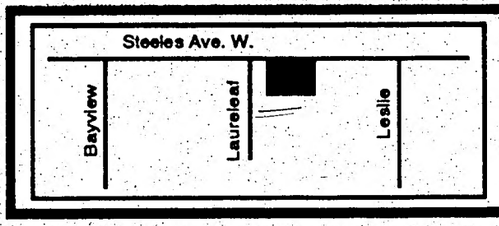

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Organizations and People

Beverly and Sam Cohen (seated) establish a Jewish Music Endowment Fund at Adath Israel Congregation to honor Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum who is seen with his wife Linda.

Adath Israel's Cantor Kirshblum to be feted for 25 years of service

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum of the Adath Israel Congregation will be honored Nov. 21 on the occasion of his 25th anniversary with the synagogue.

To honor Kirshblum, a Jewish music endowment fund will be established by Beverley and Samuel Cohen and their family.

Cohen, a past president of the synagogue said, "It is our love for the synagogue and our admiration and friendship for Linda and Elie that prompted us to honor Elie in this way on his 25th anniversary. There is a special bond between our family and the Kirshblum family and we wanted to honor the cantor in a very special way."

Along with the establishment of the endowment fund, the cantor's bimah chair in the sanctuary will be dedicated by the Cohen family.

"Cantor Kirshblum is not your everyday chazzan. He is a model of what a chazzan should be — he's a community leader, an educator, a volunteer, and a fun guy who is everybody's friend," says Cohen.

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Cohen adds that "there is virtually no area of the synagogue that he does not get involved in: davening, conducting the children's and a professional choir, assisting lay leaders in dealing with synagogue matters and a variety of other things. He is just a wonderful guy, not only an outstanding cantor but also a real mensch."

After spending a year studying in Israel, Kirshblum attended the Ferkauf Graduate School of Education and received a master's of science degree at the same time he studied chazzanut with the late cantors Jacob and David Koussevitsky. He went on to study music education at the Mannes College of Music in New York.

A Yeshiva University graduate, Kirshblum organized the Toronto Council of Chazzanim which includes Orthodox, Conservative and Reform cantors and he served as president for four terms. Recently, he organized the first conference of the International Federation of Traditional Cantors.

"Toronto can boast of having one of the finest Jewish communities in the world today," says Cantor Kirshblum. "I am proud to be affiliated with one of Toronto's most active congregations [Adath Israel] for the past 25 years. I hope to be able to serve this congregation and the community for many years to come.

"The establishment of this endowment fund exemplifies the interrelationship of the Jewish ideals of friendship and charity. I am grateful for the generous contribution of the Cohen family which will benefit not only Adath Israel but the entire Jewish community."

The first inaugural program of the Jewish music endowment fund will feature Cantor David Bagley, formerly cantor at the Beth Sholom Synagogue in Toronto and now the chazzan at the Chevra Kadisha Synagogue in Montreal.

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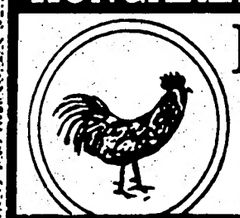

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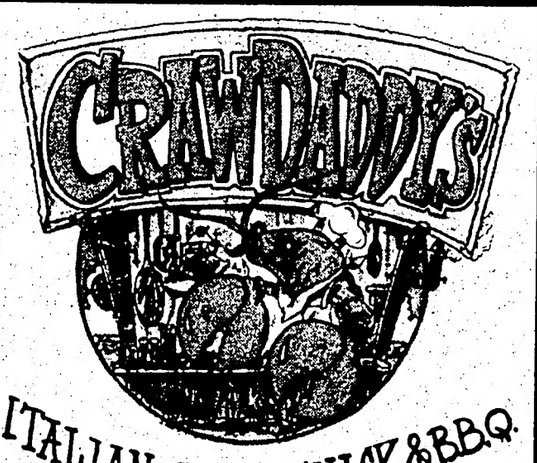

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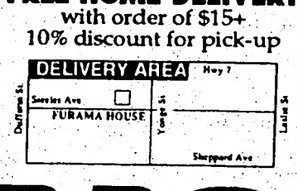

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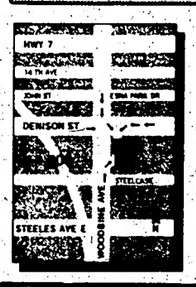

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Arts

Turkish Jews focus of photo exhibit

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

Five hundred years ago, as Christopher Columbus was preparing for his famous voyage west, thousands of Spanish Jews, or Sephardim, were expelled from the country that had been their home for a thousand years.

The refugees were welcomed with open arms by the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, now Turkey. In fact, he was so eager to have the Jews settle in his country that he sent ships to Spain to fetch them. Some 100,000 Jews accepted the invitation, and their descendants have lived freely and in peace in the largely Muslim country ever since. Today there are about 24,000 Turkish Jews.

"We saw in 1492 something we don't see often, and hadn't seen before then," Allan Rose, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said at a reception last week marking the opening of a photograph exhibit commemorating 500 years of Jewish life in Turkey. He called Turkey among the "righteous of the nations."

Turkish Jews: 500 Years of Harmony, is currently in Ottawa after appearing in several cities in the United States. It will open in Toronto on Nov. 22 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. It was sponsored by the Quincentennial Foundation of Istanbul, an organization of Turkish Jews and Muslims which has planned educational and cultural activities to celebrate the arrival in Turkey of the Sephardi Jews.

The photographs provide a guided tour of Jewish landmarks — schools, synagogues, and marketplaces — and the ritual life of Jews living in a Muslim country.

There are, for instance, photographs of richly carved wooden prow bimahs, shaped to look like the prow of a boat. A Spanish import, they are said to commemorate either Noah's ark or the ships that brought the Sephardi Jews out of Spain.

A photograph of the Synagogue Mosque shows the cordial relationship that exists between Muslims and Jews. Originally a synagogue, the boxy, stone building was donated to the Islamic community to be used as a mosque when the Jews of the town of Corlu decided to move elsewhere.

Since Jews lived in Turkey long before the arrival of the Sephardim, there are pictures of ancient synagogues, one dating from the 10th century, as well.

The photographs of modern Jewish life look suprisingly familiar — the bride in an elegant cap-sleeved lace gown and her groom standing under a tallit; teenagers whooping it up after graduation from the Jewish school; and the staff of the weekly Jewish newspaper, *Salam*, gathered around the editorial table to look over the layout. They could be from Ottawa as easily as Istanbul.

Itzhak Shelef, the Israeli ambassador, praised the Turkish government for giving Jews a safe place to live, and letting them control their religious and cultural affairs. It was one of the few countries to allow Jews to buy property in the 16th century, he said, and was the first to let them appoint a chief rabbi.

Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey, Ugurtan Akinci, added that long before and after the Sephardim arrived, Turkish Jews lived in complete security, and as a result, their culture flourished.

Michel Tapiero, president of the Ottawa Committee for Sepharad '92, thanked Turkish citizens for what they did for the Jews.

"We have a very long memory and we know who our friends are," he said.

The touring exhibit of photographs was brought to Ottawa by the Ottawa Committee Sepharad '92 and the Turkish Canadian Cultural Association.

Germany's neo-Nazis examined

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

The twisted ideas that condemned millions of Jews during the Holocaust are not dead, warns German filmmaker Michael Schmidt in his chilling TVOntario documentary, *The Truth Shall Make Us Free.*

Scheduled to be broadcast on Nov. 24 at 10 p.m., *The Truth Shall Make Us Free* examines neo-Nazism in Germany and the neo-Nazi propaganda machine elsewhere in the Western world.

Three years in the making, Schmidt's film is exceedingly timely, given the upsurge of neo-Nazi violence against refugees — and Jews — since German unification.

Its title is bitterly ironic. What with its adoration of the Third Reich and Hitler and its debunking of the Holocaust, the neo-Nazi movement is hell-bent on proving that its venal version of the truth is unassailable.

Presented by hostess Catherine Olsen, *The Truth Shall Make Us Free* delivers a grim portrait of neo-Nazi zealots denouncing "foreigners" and lambasting Jews in stark anti-Semitic terms.

Their anti-Semitism is brutal and direct, as suggested by these quotations: "Jews corrupt Germans with their money"; "We don't want any Jewish pigs"; "The Jews are all swine"; "He's not a man; he's just a Yid"; "Germany awaken, Jews perish."

Schmidt uses an interview with a Jewish Holocaust survivor, speaking in apparently flawless German, to offset neo-Nazi lies, distortions and calumnies. In drawing a link between Nazi Germany and its demented, contemporary offspring, Schmidt warns viewers that neo-Nazis must be taken seriously. They're fanatically committed to their cause and they're prepared to use violence at the drop of a hat.

The neo-Nazi network, he shows us, transcends borders. The camera pans on such neo-Nazi and Holocaust revisionist luminaries as Gary Lauck of Lincoln, Nebraska, David Irving and Anthony Hancock of Britain, Robert Faurisson of France and, last but not least, Ernst Zundel of Toronto.

To the applause of a sympathetic audience, Irving claims that the gas chambers in concentration camps were built by the Poles *after* the war. At a gathering in France, Zundel refers contemptuously to a "pack of Jews" disseminating misinformation about the Holocaust.

The focus of *The Truth Shall Make Us Free*, however, is modern Germany. Michael Kuhnen, the late mastermind of neo-Nazism (he died of AIDS), is interviewed, as are his Austrian successor and an old Nazi whom neo-Nazis revere.

On Nov. 26 at 10 p.m., TVO's current affairs show, *Between the Lines*, will present a spinoff program, in which guests will debate the merits and demerits of hate literature laws.

Eye on Arts

Cantor Yehuda Rottner will lead the Spirit of Chanukah Concert on Dec. 12 at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue at 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the concert will go to support Russian and Ethiopian children who are studying at Ulpana Amana in Kfar Saba in Israel.

Rottner will be accompanied by Nathan Rosen.

Tickets are available at the synagogue office, 55 Yeomans Rd., or at Jewish book stores around Toronto.

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Marion Schwartz is the 67-year-old host and executive producer of *The Bubbie Break*, the first and only series dedicated to the issues and concerns of grandparenting. The program airs on CHEX-TV, Sundays from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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A new collection of Yiddish songs has been released by Toronto's Congregation Habonim in honor of its 35th anniversary. The cassette, entitled *Echoes of the Past*, features Winnipeg-born soprano, Esther Ghan Firestone, and includes 14 familiar Yiddish folk melodies and contemporary compositions.

Firestone has had a long and distinguished career as a concert and opera singer and has appeared as guest soloist with symphony orchestras in the United States and Canada.

In the past decade, she has conducted Toronto's JCC Singers. Through her association with Congregation Habonim, she is the co-founder and conductor of the Habonim Youth Choir.

Copies of the tape can be obtained at Jewish bookstores or by sending a cheque for $10 to Echoes of the Past, c/o Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Toronto, M6B 4J2

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The 1993 International Choral Festival will be held in Toronto from May 29-June 25. It will offer a range of concerts by international professional and amateur choirs from 13 countries.

Among the attractions will be eight oratorios including Handel's Israel in Egypt and six new commissions including *In Memoriam to Leonard Bernstein* by Srul Irving Glick.

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Correction: In the Oct. 8 issue of *The CJN* the picture with the article on Israeli park sculptures states that the sculpture is in the Liberty Bell Garden.The sculpture is actually in the Dreyfus Garden in front of the clubhouse for the blind in Abu Tor.

The Jerusalem Foundation, under whose auspices the sculpture project was carried out, is seeking support for other initiatives for Jerusalem parks. For further information, call Rochelle Israel at 771-9051.

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Arts

Guard's Nazi past returns to haunt her

TORONTO —

The chilling story of a visitor to New York from Israel finding the "monster of Buchenwald", a woman guard at the death camp, living in the apartment next door, was the subject of a play presented at Temple Sinai by a group of young actors during Holocaust Education Week.

The former guard is unmasked as a member of a secret group of Nazis trying to hide their true identities and she faces extradition to Germany as the play ends.

The drama is by an 88-year-old writer, Nomi Rubel, of New York, herself a survivor. She said she wrote the play to bring the Holocaust home to where people live, according to Ira Schweitzer, director of Temple Sinai's religious school.

Other central characters in the play, which was adapted and directed by Jody Litwack of Toronto, are the husband and son of the former Buchenwald guard, and a Jewish teen-ager and his aunt, who live next door.

The two teen-agers, Jew and non-Jew, become fast friends, despite the German mother's attempts to block the friendship. Also playing a pivotal role is the guard's husband, an American in the occupying forces, who married Hilda Schroeder without knowing her Buchenwald history. He is devastated by her true identity, as is the son, who tries to commit suicide.

The unmasking begins with the visit of a survivor of Buchenwald to her cousin in New York, the Jewish teen-ager's aunt.

Recognizing Hilda, the visitor recalls how the guard defiled the body of a 14-year-old Jewish girl who was hanged by the Nazis. The girl died with the words *Remember Me*, the title of the play, on her lips.

The event was sponsored by the adult education committee of Temple Sinai. Members of the cast were Jody Litwack, Loni Zinberg, Brendan Steacy, Ricky Swartz, Zane Waldman and Jessica Blitt. Larry Maher was stage manager. All cast members, except Litwack, are first year university students.

Nazi horror hits stage in Bent

TORONTO —

The dramatic tension building in *Bent* finally explodes in an unexpected manner. It is to the credit of this Eclectic Theatre Production, directed by Jordan Merkur, at the Alumnae Theatre until Nov. 22 that despite its grim subject, the murder of homosexuals by the Nazis, it keeps the audience on the edge of their seats.

It is not a play for the faint-hearted. There is total frontal male nudity and the actions and dialogue are explicit. But Martin Sherman's play drives to the heart of the terror wrought by Hitler's minions against Jews, homosexuals, gypsies and other minorities.

David Ferry as Max and Kevin Bundy as Horst are absolutely outstanding as the main characters, Ferry particularly so, as playing a non-Jew he poses as a Jew, hoping that he will get better treatment than he would as a homosexual. Events prove him wrong, of course.

There are strong contributions as well from Paul Haddad, Johnson Ashley and Gerry Grammatke. The soundscapes, lighting and sets combine to bring the horror and violence of the Nazi era to the relatively small stage.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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Quickly on thre heels of *Chutzpah*, Alan Dershowitz's controversial and much discussed best-seller, comes this collection of brief essays and articles — most of them from his popular newspaper column.

In offering his opinions on a wide variety of legal, moral and political issues, the author confides that he tries to look at the world from a somewhat iconoclastic viewpoint. He writes, "I am a Jewish, American, academic, civil libertarian. But I disagree with much of what the Jewish 'leadership' of this country stands for. I am out of sync with the current American leadership. I rarely agree with my academic colleagues. And I am a dissident within the American Civil Liberties Union. My views truly are contrary to popular opinion, even within those groups with which I am most closely identified."

Divided into five segments

Divided into five segments, the articles discuss aspects of the American legal system; freedom of expression and the rise of intolerance; the state, the law and the right of individuals; the politics of sex, life and death; and the observations of a concerned Jew on anti-Semitism in Europe and the United States.

In commenting on such highly charged and sensitive issues as the morality of capital punishment, abortion, pornography, sexism, child abuse, identification of rape victims, the legalization of crack — and on such events as the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearings, the Rodney King verdict, and the trial of Oliver North — Dershowitz is always outspoken, courteous and persuasive.

Several of the articles deal with Patrick Buchanan who, the author insists, must be taken seriously as a bigot. Buchanan, who receives wide coverage as a TV personality, has expressed admiration for Francisco Franco and Adolf Hitler. He has also defended many war criminals — even hands-on participants in the Holocaust.

Joseph Cardinal Glemp, primate of the Polish Catholic Church, has a long history of anti-Semitic utterances. He has accused Jews of introducing both vodka and communism into Poland, controlling the international media and attempting, through a squad of Jews from New York, to kill nuns and destroy a convent at Auschwitz. When the cardinal visited the United States in 1991, Dershowitz served him with a summons in connection with a lawsuit. A federal judge found that the summons had been improperly served. But the author makes clear that Glemp will be served again on his next visit to the United States.

In assessing anti-Semitism in the United States, the author believes that the real threat is not from the extreme left or right. "The greatest dangers lurk in the insidious and often invisible process by which the bigotry of the extremes creeps gradually into the mainstream. I am seeing that happening today on many university campuses, where the thoughtless rhetoric of the extreme left is helping to define what is 'politically correct' and 'incorrect.'

A staunch defender of Israel, the author inveighs against those who would criticize the Jewish state for deporting Palestinians suspected of fomenting terrorism against civilians. He angrily points out that in a world where political executions and kangaroo courts are still so prevalent, it is scandalous that Israel is the only country singled out for condemnation by nations, many of whom would do well to comply with Israel's standard of civil liberties.

Some of the wide-ranging articles are of special interest to American readers, some are repetitive and a number are dated. But Dershowitz is a pleasure to read — lucid, cogent, feisty and with something important to say.

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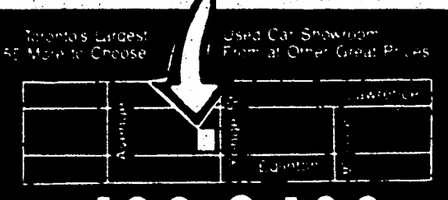

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Rochester proves interesting visit

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK —

I said one more silent prayer of thanks as the landing gear of the airplane bounced down the runway before coming to a full stop.

I'll be the first to admit that even though it was only a 30-minute flight from Toronto's Pearson Airport to the landing strip in Rochester, New York, I was happy to see that seat belt light go out.

Despite the fact that it was 7:30 a.m., I received an enthusiastic greeting from Karen Pailler, director of public relations for the Greater Rochester Visitors Association and Gail Stubits of the Brookwood Inn. Balloons and all.

Little did I know that I was about to embark on a three-day, whirlwind tour of Rochester that would leave my head crammed full of interesting facts and fascinating tidbits of information.

I can honestly say that this press trip was the best orchestrated, well-organized tour I have ever been on.

But first, a nap. I was driven to the Strathallan Hotel in a chauffeur-driven limousine where I was greeted by a warm, friendly staff and a luxurious, executive suite. This is living.

Where to begin?

After a welcoming lunch at Hattie's in the Strathallan, my companions and I were off on a city tour.

I was surprised to discover that Rochester has none of the hustle so prominent in Toronto. This refreshing change may be due to the fact that the population in Greater Rochester is over 1 million; 750,000 in the county and only 250,000 in the city.

Despite my misconception concerning the size, I was also pleased to find that there is no shortage of things to do.

The history of Rochester is full of many interesting facts and influential people. The city is considered to have been the first boom town of America.

Due to the Erie Canal, a natural transportation route, the city was first called Flour City. Originally supported by an agrarian economy - one of farms and flour mills - the city was known as a bread basket.

City's history kept alive by society

However, with the coming of the railroad and the gradual growth of the town's centre, the city became involved in the nursery industry. The switch to seeds and plants meant a change in name and Rochester became the Flower City.

The tour travelled along Park Avenue, a route favored for its boutiques, to Monroe, an avenue that features shops that carry eclectic merchandise. Although it was pointed out that Monroe used to be an old Indian trail that linked several settlements, it is hard to look at the beautifully-kept colonial homes that line the street today and see a nature trail.

Anyone interested in architecture should visit Rochester. Thanks to the Landmark Society of Western New York which owns and operates the Landmarks of Rochester, much of the city's history has been preserved.

Founded in 1937, The Landmark Society of Western New York, is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the architectural heritage of Rochester, Monroe and eight surrounding counties.

We stopped at the Hoyt-Potter House, a magnificent Greek revival house in Rochester's historic Corn Hill neighborhood and at the Campbell-Whittlesay House Museum. The museum represents an upper middle class household that displays the Greek revival style of decoration and the effects of the Erie Canal during the boom years between 1835 and 1845.

There is a thriving Jewish community, says the editor and publisher of *The Jewish Ledger*.

Barbara Morganstern says that the last survey done revealed that there are 25,000 Jewish people in Rochester. Within that number, all three religious movements — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — are represented.

Rochester boasts beautiful synagogues that Morganstern described as "exquisite sanctuaries." The one Jewish day school has the difficult task of appealing to all segments of the community.

Here, there is no shortage of Jewish organizations. Morganstern points out that there is a JCC that offers many programs to the community.

In addition, all the major organizations such as Hadassah, the National Council of Jewish Women and B'nai B'rith, to name a few, are represented in Rochester. The Jewish Home for the Aged looks like a luxury hotel and the Jewish Country Club offers all amenities.

Morganstern says that there are no kosher restaurants in Rochester.

"We are a close-knit community," Morganstern adds.

Busch Gardens' vets tend to animals

TAMPA —

When furry, scaly and feathered creatures need help at Busch Gardens Tampa, they can count on four staff veterinarians to come to the rescue. On call are John Olsen, chief veterinarian; Betsy Coville, Jacqueline M. Zdziarski and Noha Abou-Madi, associate veterinarians. They provide medical attention to one of the largest collections of exotic animals in the United States.

Their expertise has been needed for everything from resectioning the intestine of a 60-pound Indian python to stimulating an elephant's labor when the mother-to-be began having difficulties with the birth of her baby. The veterinarians have done a caesarean section on a Bongo antelope and called in a veterinary ophthalmologist who treated a laceration on the eve of a Grevy zebra, then stitched it so the eye could heal.

In years past, the team gained notoriety for having a South American macaw, unable to eat because he was born with a crooked beak, fitted with braces by a Tampa orthodontist. And when a baby chimpanzee was born two months prematurely, they worked with a hospital neonatal team to save the tiny patient.

More recently, Simsim, a 6-year-old male gorilla, developed a toothache. Busch Gardens veterinarians immobilized him for X-rays, then, with the help of a Tampa dentist and oral surgeon, removed the baby tooth and in no time, Simsim was back outside munching on tender plants.

Olsen and his staff of three veterinarians monitor the health of more than 3,400 birds, mammals and reptiles in residence at Busch Gardens, maintaining preventive medicine programs and treating injured or sick animals as needed.

"Most of what we do is preventive medicine," Dr. Olsen admits. "Microscope examination of tiger stools isn't very glamorous, but it's the sort of thing that allows us to treat an animal now for conditions which might become problems in the future."

The most common ailment in zoo animal populations is internal parasites, Olsen says. If that problem is kept under control, there is time to treat the unexpected. And the unexpected can range anywhere from the wilds of the Serengeti to the Nairobi Field Station animal nursery, where critical care facilities and attendants aid veterinarians in caring for infant animals.

"In the animal nursery, we have learned to work in a fish bowl," Olsen says. "The public enjoys seeing the babies, and we feel it's important for them to understand what goes into animal care, so the nursery walls are glass." Park visitors file past the windows throughout the day watching as nursery staff mix formula, feed babies and assist the veterinarians on their daily rounds.

Dr. Jackie Zdziarski treats an injured leg of a Grant gazelle as Dr. Betsy Coville assists and vet technician Arnold Stillman lends a hand during the process. The gazelle lives on the African veldt at Tampa Bush Gardens and was treated in the animal hospital at the prestigious zoological park.

One of Olsen's fondest animal care memories took place in the nursery a few years ago when "Lilly," a chimpanzee, was born prematurely. With the help of doctors and nurses from Tampa General Hospital's famed neonatal unit, "Lilly" survived and became the darling of the nursery.

Gaining expertise in working with exotic animals requires some on-the-job training, as Drs. Coville, Zdziarski and Abou-Madi will admit. "Every day brings a new challenge — . in this business, you never know what will happen moment to moment," Coville says.

The vets depend on animal keepers who have daily contact with the animals to alert them to problems or dietary needs, Coville says. And it's usually the keepers who radio emergency calls to the doctors when something unforseen happens. "We have to be innovative and ready to try new techniques," Coville says. "It's important to understand animal behavior in order to adapt a treatment with which an animal can live."

The veterinary staff has been busy with Busch Gardens' addition of Myombe Reserve, a three-acre habitat for gorillas and chimpanzees. Soon an additional resident will move into the gorillas habitat. "Lash," a 400-pound male silverback will join the gorilla group now residing there.

Olsen is working with researchers at Yerkes Regional Primate Research Centre in Atlanta in conducting behavioral studies of this socialization process in order to add to the current body of knowledge about western lowland gorillas.

Practising medicine in a large zoo requires diverse experience, as there are so many different species to deal with. And Busch Gardens veterinarians admit that it helps to have a good deal of stamina as well to endure long hours and heavy work. But these doctors like what they do, and all admit the rewards are as plentiful as the patients they treat.

Archeologists go underwater to explore past

By AVA CARMEL

JERUSALEM —

Exploring the archeological site in Israel involves a lot of walking, as well as climbing hills and descending into subterranean rooms. Visitors to Caesarea Maritima may now add skin-diving. In order to tour the world's first underwater archeological park, they must don diver's masks and air tanks.

In 22 B.C., Herod the Great began construction of a city on the site of the Phoenician port of Strato's Tower, naming it Caesarea in honor of Augustus Caesar. Building one of the largest ports of the Roman world was part of his plan to gain control of the trade of luxury goods from the East to Rome.

It was a grand city, built on a grid plan, the granite imported from Egypt and the marble from Italy. It boasted two aqueducts and a modern sewage system, as well as a theatre seating 4,000, a hippodrome for horse racing, and a amphitheatre. According to historian Josephus Flavius, the dominant structure, visible far out to sea, was a huge temple.

Excavations at Caesarea began in 1945 and various groups have continued work on it since that time. Remains of the Phoenician port, a Hellenistic city, the Roman city, and later Byzantine and Crusader ruins have been uncovered.

Although Josephus gave a modest detailed account of the layout of the city's harbor in his book, there are no signs of Sebastos along the mediterranean coast. How could such a massive harbor have disappeared?

Two geological fault lines have been discovered offshore, indicating that the harbor may have been slowly rocked by local tectonic movement or destroyed by an earthquake. Alternatively, it may simply have fallen into disrepair after the death of Herod and building material salvaged by the Crusaders to construct a tower, a sea wall, and a pier.

Great temple exposed

Sebastos was identified only in 1960, when a diving expedition explored the site and found the remains of the wall's foundations at a depth of nine metres underwater. The Combined Caesarea Expedition headed by Prof. Kenneth Holm of the University of Maryland and Dr. Avner Raban of the Centre for Maritime Studies of the University of Haifa has just wound up its third year of excavations at the site.

On the shore, a team of over 100 students from the Universities in the United States, Canada, and Israel exposed the great temple, which was built by Herod to the goddess of Rome in order to show his loyalty to Caesar. Archeologists say that Herod intended this pagan temple in Caesarea to parallel the Jewish Temple he built in Jerusalem during the same period.

Meanwhile, offshore, another team of archeologists in diving suits excavated the foundations of the lighthouse, using an air hose to suck out sand and debris. Raban is amazed by the engineering genius involved in building the harbor.

He explains that the base of the lighthouse consisted of huge concrete blocks. Rectangular wooden forms 15 metres by 20 metres were partially filled with stones, volcanic ash, and plaster. These were towed out to sea, sunk in place, and filled with hydraulic concrete.

A similar method of laying 50-ton concrete blocks was used to form the base of the breakwaters. The port had an area of about 200,000 square metres, providing anchorage for up to 100 ships.

The marine archeological park skirts the foundations of the breakwater and has a numbered route with guide cables. Although the first three points can be seen with a mask and snorkel, it takes two or three dives with tanks to examine the entire park. Divers must be licensed, and equipment can be rented at a diving club adjacent to the site.

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

I have both good news and bad news to report. First the bad news. By the time you read this I should have been sighted wandering around the streets of **Jerusalem** munching on a bun piled high with shwarma.

Instead, I'm sulking in my office (on a Sunday a.m.) looking at the thermometer outside my window that reads minus (that's MINUS folks) 2. I don't know what that translates to into good old Fahrenheit, but I know it's cold. Anything to me below 65 is cold so now you know how I'm feeling.

So, **Butcher Man**, you're saying, "Tell us what went wrong."

Absolutely nothing, my friends. In fact, everything couldn't be more right. It's a simple case of no rooms at the inn. I had left my travel plans to the last minute and found to both my disappointment and satisfaction that there wasn't a room to be had this month, not only in **Jerusalem,** but in all of **Israel,** and that included guest houses on the kibbutzim.

Which means that people, both **Christians** and **Jews,** are flocking back to the **Holy Land** and nobody could be happier than your humble servant. If you can find him, just ask him.

But before you all stand and cheer, I want to stress one thing. **Israel** may be experiencing a boom in tourism, but they still need each and every one of us to visit. All this activity should mean to you is that you will have to book as early as possible. There are reasons why so many people are going to **Israel.** For those of you who haven't been there before, wouldn't you like to know what those reasons are? Find out for yourself. You won't be disappointed.

visiting the new **Citadel of David Museum** and Shabbat at the **Western Wall.**

The tour also incorporates visits to a myriad (**Linda's** word, not mine. I would have probably said "a whole bunch") of historic and modern-day sites, with stays in **Jerusalem, Eilat, Tiberias, Tel Aviv** and at the shores of the **Dead Sea.** This is really tiring me out and I'm just writing about it.

Those celebrating their bar/bat mitzvahs will be joined by their families as they take part in a special Shabbat service in the ancient synagogue at **Masada.** In addition, the **State of Israel** will present each bar/bat mitzvah with a certificate in a ceremony at the **Knesset Rose Garden.** Sounds great, doesn't it?

A video presentation of the tour is available for viewing. Brochures and applications are available from **BBYO** offices across **Canada**. Reservations can be made, toll-free from anywhere in **Canada** by calling 1-800-2ISRAEL which means absolutely nothing to me. In plain **English,** that's 1-800-247-7235. Now that we've got that straightened out, you can also call your local **BBYO** office. In **Toronto** that's 635-9411. For those of you who don't live in The City That Always Sleeps, you'll have to check your phone books. I'm sorry, but I'm a columnist, not an information centre.

Do, however, try to get in on this tour. It's something that will be and will remain, very special in your life.

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Bar mitzvah experience

The lovely **Linda Borden** was in my office the other day before jetting off to the **Big Apple** and points beyond, to tell me about a BBYO tour coming up that sounds exciting.

The **B'nai Brith Youth Organization**, in cooperation with **Israel Identity Tours**, is offering a family bar/bat mitzvah **Israel** adventure from December 21 through January 4.

The trip includes encounters with **BBYO** in **Israel,** known, says **Linda**, as **Noar Le Noar.** Tour package freebies include the bar/bat mitzvah youth's tour of **Israel** (airfare not included) and free membership to **BBYO's Teen Connection** program for one full year.

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Business Outlook

The photo shows the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce planning committee. Seated (left to right) are Linda Shapiro, Murray Koffler, Jeffery Miller, David Goldstein and Jack Gwartz. Standing (left to right) are Danny Fleishman, Michael Sax, Julianne Bien, Connie Putterman, Eli Shvili and Michael Singer.

Business in Israel topic of seminar to be held Dec. 8

TORONTO —

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce will present a seminar entitled Doing Business With Israel — The Time Is Right at the Park Plaza Hotel.

This event presents a unique opportunity for those interested in doing business with Israel to learn — first hand — from those who have been successfully doing business with Israel.

The program for the evening will commence with a brief cocktail reception followed by a keynote presentation by A. I. (Ed) Mlavsky, managing director, Gemini Israel Ltd. Mlavsky will speak on the subject of High Tech Strategic Partnerships With Israeli Companies. Following his address, there will be a kosher buffet dinner.

During the dinner a resource person will be seated at each table who is experienced in doing business with Israel. They come from the Canadian and Israeli governments as well as the industrial and investment sectors. The resource people will provide additional information, background and perspective which can help turn the participants' business ideas into profitable ventures.

Following the dinner there will be a presentation by a Success Panel and a question and answer period. The Success Panel includes individuals who have had successful business experiences with Israel in four different areas; importing goods from Israel; exporting machinery to Israel; conducting joint research and development with Israeli companies; and investment in Israeli companies.

To maximize the benefits of this seminar for each participant, attendance will be limited to 200 people. The cost for the evening will be $100 per person.

The evening is an invaluable opportunity to learn about the nuts and bolts of successfully conducting business with Israel. All participants will have access to individuals who can be of direct assistance in helping them develop or implement an Israel business plan or investment strategy.

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Measures taken to create jobs

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

In measures designed to stabilize the economy and create new jobs, the Israeli government last week devalued the shekel slightly and ordered a one percent decrease in the value-added tax.

A gradual four-year reduction in the tax on corporations was also announced by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel.

The value-added tax was cut from 18 to 17 percent.

The measures represent what economists believe to be a sounder response to growing unemployment than the large-scale public works programs urged even from inside the government.

The government is seeking to increase profitability of exporters by decreasing taxes and giving them more shekels for their dollars. This, in theory, should help create more jobs.

Flexible

Devaluation was achieved by raising the "medium exchange rate" of the shekel vis-a-vis the basket of international currencies by three percent.

The basket is a measuring unit, determined by the Bank of Israel, that includes all major currencies. The "medium rate" is a fixed exchange rate that the central bank is authorized to fluctuate up or down by five percent. The medium rate rose vis-a-vis the basket from 2.8632 to 2.9250.

This does not necessarily mean an immediate devaluation, since the exchange rate can go down five percent, as well as up. However, by November 9 the shekel was already devalued by 0.5 percent.

All major economic sectors welcomed the new measures. The Histadrut labor federation promised to be flexible when the agreements on cost-of-living increases are renewed early next year. The business sector said the government was taking the high road toward combatting unemployment and securing economic stability.

But opposition politicians were critical. Likud Knesset member Dan Tichon described the measures as "too little and too late."

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Marketer finds innovative way to aid Feinberg fund

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Many of us have been touched by the plight of Jay Feinberg and other young people who need bone marrow transplants.

Many have gone so far as to be tested as possible donors, submitting to blood tests to determine if they are matches for these people's very rare blood types.

Few have taken their concern much farther. But then there is Miles Bocknek.

Bocknek, operator of Jimac Marketing, deals in corporate gifts, the kind of presents companies, businesses or professional people or organizations want to give to their own staff or to clientele, for Christmas or Chanukah, for instance.

He and his wife read Jay Feinberg's story in *The Canadian Jewish News* and decided to attend the mass screening held this past summer at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill. (A second clinic was held simultaneously at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue).

Shortly afterwards, he was contacted by Helen Cox of Dynacare, the company that had volunteered to conduct the screening. To Bocknek's excitement, he was a close enough match to warrant further testing.

Although it was found that he was not after all a suitable donor, he felt a personal commitment to do something concrete to help.

He realized that the testing was inordinately expensive, about $75 per test.

Driving through Brampton one day, he noticed the offices of Daynacare, and decided to draop in and introduced himself, and try to interest them in his service. Then the idea hit him.

Jimac's busiest time of year is the coming holiday season, when many companies and professionals, including many Jews, need gifts.

He decided to give 80 percent of the gross profit on the gift books and wall calendars he will sell between now and January to the Feinberg fund.

Bocknek explained that he advises his customers what gifts are appropriate, analyses their needs and works within their budget. For the coffeetable-type books in which he specializes, he will also laminate the cover and have them personalized with a gold notation in the front.

Many of the books he provides are about Canada (these are especially good for people with overseas clientele), the environment (such as Kevin kelley and Payson Stevens' *Embracing Earth*, which analyses the earth's environment using satellite images and photographs, and significant themes, including Israel and Judaica.

One of the books he recommends is *The Circle of Life; rituals from the human family album*, which contains text and photographs, many in color, on such life-cycle themes as birth, marriage, and coming-of-age rituals.

He also offers (although this is not part of the Jay Feinberg program) cyclestone sculptures of animals, such as polar bears and loons, trilliums and desk accesories.

Cyclestone is a new technique, in which the artist sculpts a figure from clay, covers it with silicon, then plastic, and fills the resulting mold with recycled plastic waste.

Bocknek reflected on his reasons for giving such a generous part of what is, after all, a large portion of his business.

"We can't go and change the whole world. It is easier to see the benefits of helping one person."

For more information on Jimac Marketing and Bocknek's Jay Feinberg promotion, call him at (416)770-1807.

Miles Bocknek of Jimac Marketing.

Business school opens in Moscow

MOSCOW (JTA) —

Russia's first Western-style post-graduate business school opened here recently as a joint project of Moscow State University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The New Economic School got off the ground Oct. 28 thanks to a $800,000 grant from the Soros Foundation, headed by the Hungarian-born American Jewish financier George Soros.

"I was never a very good economics student," Soros said at the New Economic School's opening, attended by Hebrew University professors Don Patinkin and Gur Ofer, as well as Russia's minister of science, higher education and technology policy, Boris Saltykov.

Patinkin regretted the absence of Yoram Ben-Porath, the late president of the Hebrew University, who died recently in an automobile accident in Israel and who was a key organizer of the school.

Patinkin also noted the irony that academics from Israel, which, he said, still had much to do to privatize its own economy, would instruct Russians in the ways of free enterprise.

The school will offer a master's degree program in economics, mathematics and English to graduates of Russian universities. The course will take two and a half years to complete.

Tuition for the first semester is 5,000 rubles (about $12, or an average month's wages), with subsequent charges to be determined in accordance with Russia's inflation, which by one recent estimate is now running at 14,000 percent per year.

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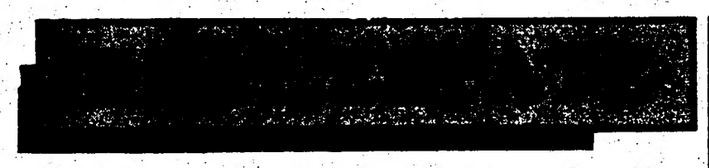

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CENTRAL

CEDARVALE BUNGALOW — NOW $269,000
Excellent 2 BR. 2 baths. Updated eat-in kitchen. Skylight. Rec. rm. & nanny's rm. Priv. drive. Walk to TTC. **G. Mitchell.

YONGE/DAVISVILLE — $335,000
Brand new! "Homes & Garden" 3 BR., 4 baths, quality thruout. Garage/private drive. VTB 7% mtge. *Shirley Green.

BEDFORD PARK — $349,000
Desirable location. Old world charm w/modern conveniences. 3 fine BR., updated bath. CAC. Pvt. dr. Deep lot. **Don Wagman.

ARMOUR HEIGHTS — $399,000
Appealing 4 BR. (master ens.) Main flr. family rm. Spacious principal rms. Finished l-lvl. & w/o. Deep lot. *Marlene Federman.

WYCHWOOD PARK AREA — NOW $415,000
Custom 3-storey, 4 BR., master ensuite w/Jacuzzi. Skylights. Family room. Decks. CAC. Double garage. *Eleanor Stanton.

CEDARVALE — $459,000
Tudor 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, den, powder room, eat-in kitchen, pprivate drive, garage. Security system. *Leslie Dennis.

AVENUE RD/LEDBURY — NOW $559,000
Luxurious 4+ BR. renovation. Ultra kitchen. Main floor family room + w/o. Central air. Just move-in! **Donald Wagman.

LYTTON PARK — $639,000
Traditional tudor. "House & Gardens" home. 3 BR. White kitchen, library, cedar deck & pool. Att. gar. CAC. *Marlene Federman.

COUNTRY ENGLISH — $785,000
Glencairn/Alexandra. Bright 4 BR. 4 baths. Fabulous kitchen overlooking family rm. Gracious living rm. *Edith Weiss.

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UPPER VILLAGE — $499,000
Outstanding renovation. 4+ BR. (master ens.). Eat-in kitchen, powder rm., family rm. on main. CAC. Garage. *C. Sniderman.

LOWER VILLAGE — NOW $549,000
Wonderful 4 BR., main floor family room + w/o to deck & lush garden, modern kitchen, great lower level. *Eleanor Stanton.

BRIAR HILL — $690,000
Exceptional principal rooms. 4+ bedrooms. 4 baths. Family & powder rooms. Double garage. Central air. *Syma Solomon.

GARDINER ROAD — $769,000
Lower Forest Hill. Custom 5 bedrooms. 5 baths. Beautiful entertainment area. Library & music room on main. *Nancy Prussky.

GLENAYR ROAD — JUST LISTED
$795,000. Opportunity to create your dream home! 4 BR. centre hall. Large master w/ens. Great curb appeal! *W. Freedman.

RICHVIEW AVENUE — $1,125,000
Spectacular reno. 4 BR. + nanny's suite. Family room. Gourmet kitchen. Central air. Many extras. **Harold Hillman.

AVA ROAD/AVA CRES.
Splendid 3-storey 5 BR. Family room on main. Stunning library on 2nd. Central air. Total renovation. *Leslie Dennis.

RUSSELL HILL RD. — $1,489,000
Contemporary 5 BR. Reno'd thruout. Super master ste. w/fp. Family rm. & den. L-lvl. w/o. Double garage. *Wilma Freedman.

FOREST HILL RD. — $1,695,000
Power of Sale. 3-storey. 114' x 195' estate sized lot w/circular drive. Wood trim. Ornate mouldings. *G. Mitchell.

ORMSBY CRESCENT
Exceptional 3-storey Tudor. Oak panelling. 6 BR. 6 baths. Library. Family rm. with w/o. CAC. Park setting. *Linda Rose.

WARREN RD/KILBARRY
Elegant residence. Gracious principal rooms, gourmet kitchen, family room & library. Garage. **Gary Mitchell.

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BATHURST/SHEPPARD — $169,900
Canyon Tower. Large 2 bedrooms + den unit. Spacious eat-in kitchen. Balcony overlooking the City. Parking. *Betty Cohen.

BEDFORD GLEN — $259,900
Lovely 2-storey condo. 2+ BR. 2 baths. Walk-out to garden patio. Parking included. Unbeatable value! *Leslie Dennis.

LONSDALE ROAD — $289,000
"In the Village." Stunning 2 BR. 2 baths. French doors. Gorgeous white kitchen. Mexican tile balcony. *Carol Cotton.

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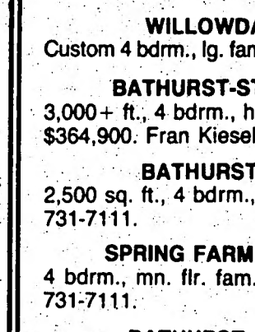

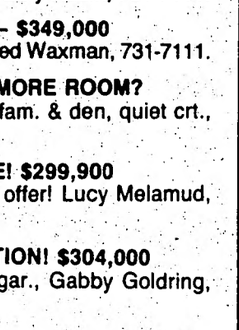

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Bregman's workout a monumental feat

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Like many others who like to get a jump on the day, Howard Bregman's morning often begins in a fitness centre where he gets 1.5 to two kilometres of swimming under his belt before heading off to work.

Nothing unusual in that, except that when lunch-time rolls around, the 29-year-old is apt to lace up the ol' training shoes for a midday run of from seven to 14 miles.

Then it's back to work in the retail food industry until late afternoon when he changes into his cycling gear and climbs onto his bike for a strenuous two-hour pump on the streets north of Toronto, or, if the weather is bad, on an indoor stationary bicycle.

If Bregman seems to be overdoing it a bit with three-a-day workouts, then consider that on the weekends he really gets serious, cycling for five or six hours, running hard and then capping it off with a swim — altogether a six or eight-hour workout.

While that may be enough to kill or seriously incapacitate most ordinary mortals, in the rarified atmosphere occupied by Bregman and others like him, the high intensity workouts are a necessary and even enjoyable part of preparing for Ironman competitions.

Bregman recently returned from one such event, held each year in Hawaii, where he was one of 1,400 elite athletes from 50 countries to test themselves under the searing tropical sun. In 100 degree heat and facing strong winds, they swam 2.4 miles, cycled 112 miles and finished with a 26-mile marathon run — most in much less than the maximum 17 hours allowed.

Forty-six Canadians participated in the Ironman Triathlon World Championship and Bregman finished 26th among them. Stacked up against competitors from other countries, he was 125th out of 200 in his age grouping.

Even to compete at that level is an accomplishment of biblical proportions.

His work output is so high during a competition that he loses from 12 to 13 pounds of weight in one day even though he eats a tremendous amount of high calorie foods to replenish his energy supply. While on the cycling leg of the event, Bregman consumes at least six "nutritional replacement bars" of 250 calories each (you'd think one bagel with cream cheese would do the trick), eight bananas, six cookies, two oranges and he drinks enough water and gatorade to drown a giraffe.

He says it takes him about two to three weeks to put the weight back onto his 5 foot 10, 170 pound frame.

So what would motivate someone to put in the time and the effort, risk injury and make preparing for a competition the cornerstone of their lives?

"It's a tremendous achievement just to come to the finish," Bregman explains. "It's something I've worked so hard to achieve and it's quite a tremendous accomplishment to compete with the best in the world."

Bregman recalls the feeling of nearing the finish line, surrounded by 20,000 cheering fans, with TV cameras and lights all around and with a news helicopter buzzing overhead. "Even if you finish 1,000th, you still feel like a king. It's quite a feeling."

Bregman admits to being driven, though he doesn't like to use the word "obsessed." "Totally committed" is more like it, but he admits that "it's crazy when you think how much you sacrifice for it."

Still, he shows no signs of letting up. Next summer he'll continue to participate in weekly triathlon competitions (which are distinguished from the Ironman events by the much shorter distances involved for each discipline).

He's also got his sights set on representing Canada in the triathlon at next summer's Maccabiah Games in Israel, where the event calls for a 1.5 km swim, a 40 km bike ride and a 10 km run — barely a warmup for one of Canada's top ironmen.

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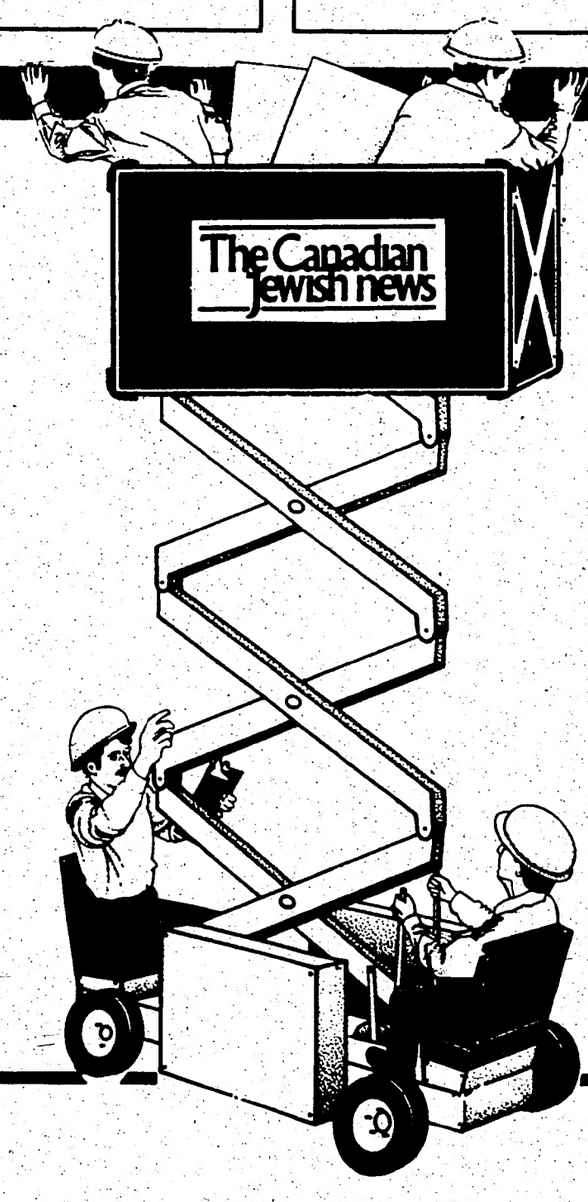

Dental fraternity's program links children

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Chapters of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity throughout North America have initiated a program called Toothbrush Buddies: Children Helping Children.

The new project will provide needed preventative dental care and oral hygiene instruction for Ethiopian and other olim children in Israel.

Children from age 5 to 14 years old, enrolled in Jewish day, after school and Sunday schools are being asked to become Toothbrush Buddies with their counterparts in Israel. The funds collected ($3 per child) will be dispersed through the Alpha Omega Foundation to dental schools and Youth Aliyah clinics in Israel for delivery of dental services.

Teachers are provided with lesson plans that are age-appropriate and a dental health poster will be provided for each class to color and sign. The posters will be given to Ethiopian children in Israel at the time dental services are rendered.

Dr. Ira Schecter, co-ordinator of the project in the Toronto area, told *The CJN* that the Toothbrush Buddies project will create a child-to-child linkage between the children in Israel and children throughout North America.

Schecter pointed out that all the Ethiopian children who were examined upon their arrival in Israel "were almost totally free of tooth decay. A limited, sparse diet with the use of twigs for toothbrushes, served these children well.

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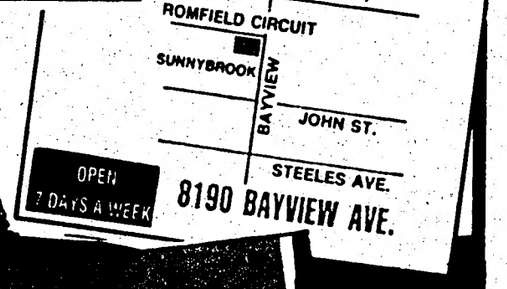

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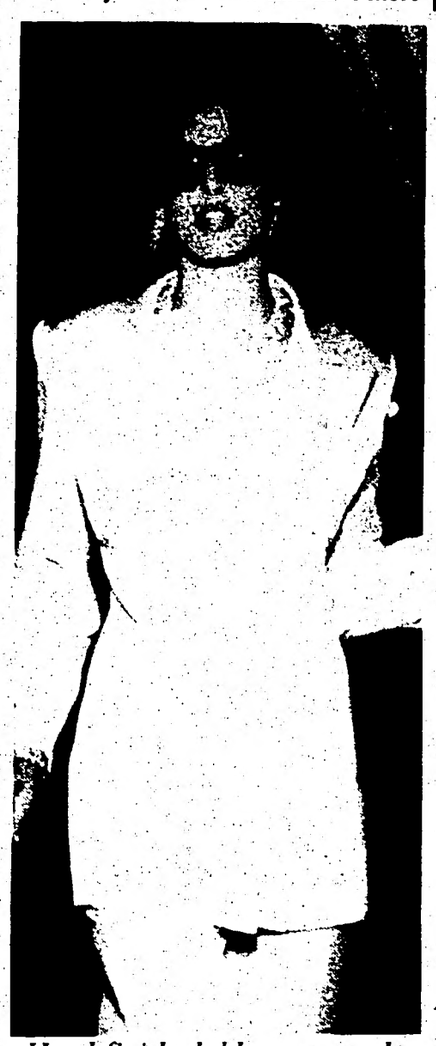
Timeless fashions available at MaxMara Basics

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

How fitting that the first thing I noticed entering MaxMara Basics on Yonge Street was Frank Sinatra playing on the stereo. "Ol Blue Eyes" and MaxMara have more in common than their Italian heritage. Both MaxMara clothes and Frank's music are timeless; both are originals.



Hand-finished blazers are elegantly tailored.

Brought to Toronto from Italy in 1986 by the brother and sister team of Deena and Barry Weinberg, the chain has grown here from its first boutique on Bloor Street to two newer locations: MaxMara Basics on Yonge and Marina Rinaldi on Bloor Street. The latter caters to the fuller figured woman. The Weinbergs were the first to open a MaxMara boutique in North America.

The MaxMara line is one of quality, clothes that will stand the fickle test of fashion and time. As Deena comments, the MaxMara customer is a "fashion-conscious woman who wants quality and who has a certain refined taste. Nothing is more important than being comfortable." These are the key factors to the success of MaxMara.

Founded in Italy in 1951 by Achille Maramotti, the company has grown to 200 stores worldwide. It recently opened a boutique in Tel Aviv. MaxMara has always maintained the motto first held by Maramotti; never to compromise on the product.

MaxMara is especially famous for two items. Coats that are 80 percent wool and 20 percent cashmere, provide the ultimate in warmth, yet remain lightweight. And its blazers are all hand-finished and elegantly tailored in wool for fall and winter, linen for the summer.

MaxMara Basics carries a more moderately-priced line of clothes than the boutique on Bloor Street. Lines such as Marella and Penny Black can be found there, while the MaxMara line and the Sportmax collection are at the Bloor Street store. As Deena comments, MaxMara Basics opened in response to a need for "a little more casual product, a garment that's made by us . . . we're offering somebody something that's still made by MaxMara in Italy." Barry adds "there's a basic lower price point in coats and suits and jackets. The customer has a wider choice." With the opening of the Yonge Street store, there is now a new option in shopping.

What both stores have in common, though, is the never-ending goal to provide the utmost quality, and a dazzling array of luxurious colors and textures. A glance around the store takes in muted purples, mustards, golds, reds, blues, plaids, fur-trimmed parkas, soft beiges and greys — in stunning contrast with the clean white and black Italian decor. There are shoes, belts, scarves, hats — all available to accessorize the perfectly finished outfit.

The elegance of MaxMara clothes lies in their simplicity. "It's very toned down, very simple. The simplicity of the shape and line is what shows up when you see somebody wearing one of our jackets," states Deena. The clean lines and strong look will be carried through to next spring. Newly returned from Italy where she was buying for next spring and summer, Deena informs that long skirts will be very important in next summer's wardrobe. There also will be fewer bright colors: more browns, beiges and navy blue.

The fabric, made by MaxMara in Italy, is one part of the foundation of MaxMara. The other part is styling, "classic styling that's rethought every year depending on what the novelty of the season is," states Deena. Barry remarks on customers who come into the store after a trip and tell him how they "lived in this suit." The suits can be dressed up or down, co-ordinated with a blouse or sweater, but they are always striking.

Whether sitting in as, (or swaying to the sounds of), *The Chairman of the Board*, MaxMara is always in fashion.

The MaxMara line is one of quality clothing that will stand the test of time.

By CAROL WISE-RICHMOND

Planning your winter holiday takes a lot of careful planning and organization. Whether it is sun and sand, or an exciting ski trip in Aspen, you must pay close attention to taking care of your skin and your makeup regime.

After a couple of days in the sun or on the ski slopes, your skin color is likely going to change. It is a good idea to pack a bottle of dark foundation to blend with your everyday makeup color. Foundation is still important to apply even with a slight tan. It will help to moisturize and protect your skin from the environment.

Sunblock is imperative, whether you are basking in the sun or skiing down the slopes in Vale. A sun block with at least a 15 SPF factor should be worn at all times.

Eyeshadow: Keep the shades of color neutral, for example, beige, sand and medium brown work best to give you that soft and natural look.

Smudgeproof mascara is your best choice to help avoid black smudges around your eyes. Apply your mascara sparingly, just enough to color your lashes.

Cover-cream under your eyes will not cover unwanted dark circles, but will be an added protection against the harsh rays of the sun. Apply sparingly with a pat-blend motion.

Your blush-on that gives you that nice healthy glow in the winter may wash out when applied on your new sun colored face. Take along a nice, deep shade of rose to highlight your cheekbones. Remember, blend well with a soft sponge to give your face that natural healthy glow.

Vibrant is the way you will be feeling hopefully, so be sure to pack some fun and exciting lipstick colors, perhaps, some shades you loved wearing last summer. Do not forget your lipliner to give your lips that full and sensuous look. To help your lipstick on for a longer period of time, pencil your whole lip and then apply your lipstick.

Makeup is wonderful, terrific and most of all fun. But, you must pay close attention to taking care of your skin. One skin, that is all that you have forever. How does that compare to all the different makeup products you have all the time?

Cleansing, exfoliating and moisturizing are your three most important steps. Forget the bar of soap in your hotel room. Pack your cleansing milk, toner and creams in small travelling containers that are easily accessible at your nearest drugstore.

As the sun tends to dry your skin and deprive it of the natural moisture, it is important that you replace the lost moisture with a richly formulated cream to suit your skin type. This will help to prevent your skin from becoming unpleasantly dehydrated.

Take special care of your skin, it will be with you a lot longer than your sun tan. Happy Holidays.

Carol Wise-Richmond promotes a total concept of beauty. She specializes in makeup applications and instructions for women in all walks of life. Carol's career in beauty has taken her to work in New York and Los Angeles. Her host of clients have included such celebrities as Sally Struthers, Sarah Purcell and Lynda Carter. She now works exclusively in the Toronto area and can be reached at 510-2245.

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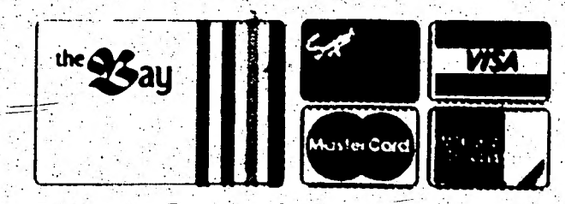

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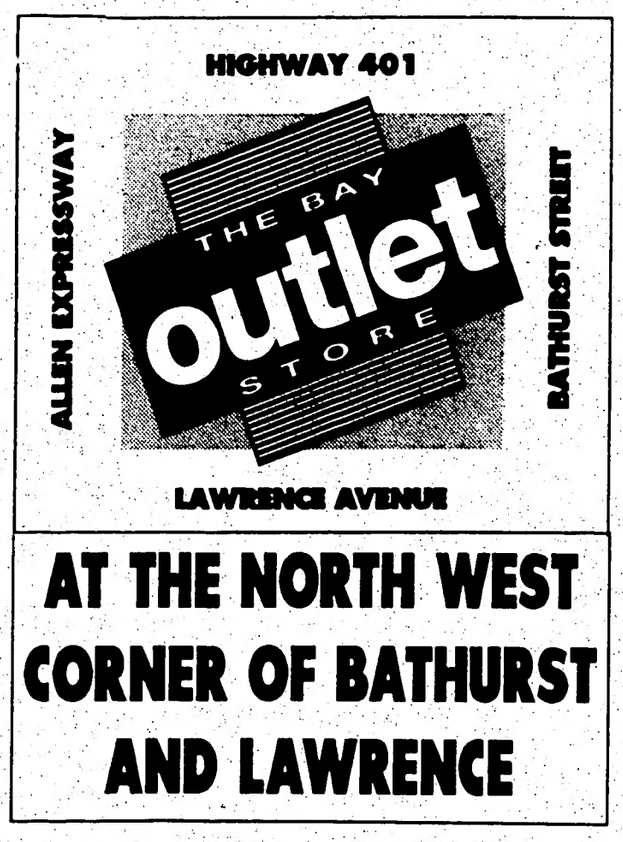

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Winter Fashion

Versatility in outerwear

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Draw-string, hooded jackets ranging in length from hip to mid-thigh are the casual outerwear fashion statement this season according to a women's outerwear buyer at Sear's Canada Inc.

"The anorak, or draw-string jacket is probably the most important trend in the past few years. The enormous influence of the stirrup pant has led to this very sporty, ski-wear look in jackets and coats. In downfill, pile, even wool, the sillhouette is the same — anorak is everywhere," says Christine Sidey.

She says that due to the economic climate, when purchasing jackets, men and women are interested in investing in an item that not only will last for a few years but can take them most places they have to go. "They want a jacket that they can wear to work, out on the weekends and for slightly casual outings — something that will look good everywhere. The anorak seems to fit the bill."

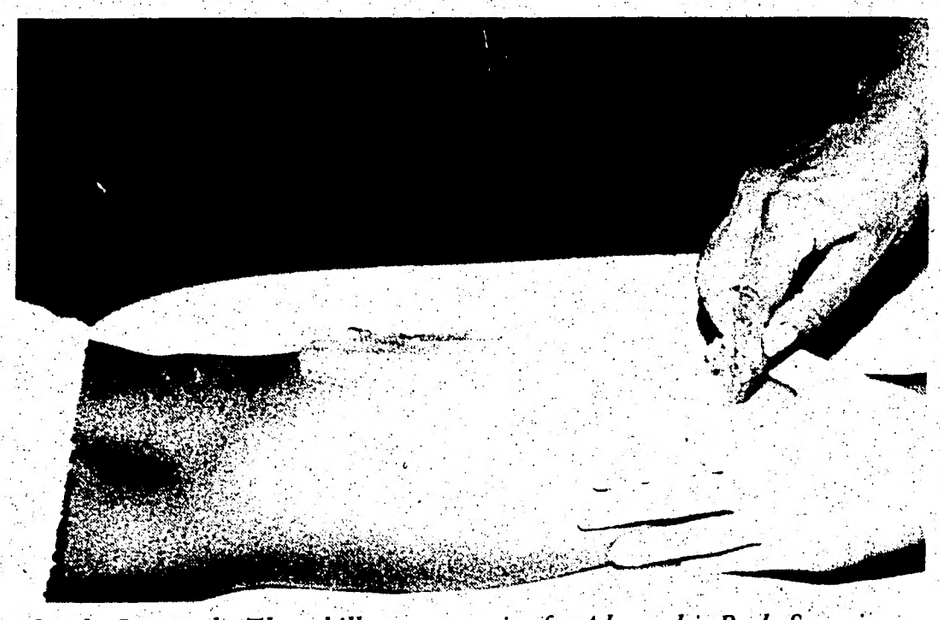
Sandy Petrucci, who sells men's outerwear for Sears Canada Inc. agrees that the anorak is "selling above all other jackets. They are replacing ski jackets because not only are they a little more versatile, they are much warmer. Men can wear them either to the office or out for a long walk on the weekend and look great and feel good."

She adds that to make the jacket even more versatile, colors are more classic such as rich blues, greens and browns. "Brights do not seem to be as important this year, maybe because bright colors are not quite as versatile as the basic shades. Men may not want to go to work in a red or orange jacket."

For women, however, Sidey says that brights are definately big." Red, hunter green, emerald and gold are seen in abundance and there is also a lot of black, white and tobacco, a kind of brownish tone. The pallette in outerwear is not all that different from what is seen in sportswear. Women seem to study their wardrobes and find a color jacket that will blend in with as much as their wardrobe as possible. Obviously, it is impossible to match everything, but I have found that women favor a certain theme in colors so a specific color jacket can blend in with most of the clothes in their closet."

Draw-string and hooded jackets range in length from hip to mid-thigh as illustrated here by Sears Canada Inc.

Hair removal treatments are studied



Sandy Green, the Thornhill representative for Alexandria Body Sugaring, demonstrates her method of hair removal.

By MARLA KAY

One of nature's nastiest tricks on women was to allow hair to grow on parts of our bodies which is very unflattering.

Teenagers stare in disbelief at the hair growing on their once smooth legs. Middle-aged women are horrified when they notice the faintest suggestion of a moustache. Blondes are often plagued by a very fine soft down on their face that glistens in the sun and is over emphasized by makeup. Then there are the problems that dark haired women face, but I think you get the idea.

Fear not, there are some solutions available that will alleviate this problem.

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Sandy Green, a Thornhill representative for Alexandria Body Sugaring suggests that, "the treatment is almost painless and discourages hair regrowth on your face and body. It costs no more than other, less effective methods of hair removal. The application of this unique product will also remove dead skin cells and leave your skin soft and healthy looking and of course — hairless.

"This gentle and increasingly popular treatment appeals to women of all ages. I am currently treating clients ranging in ages from 10 to 92 years old. It has survived the test of time and is a completely harmless way of dealing with unwanted hair with beneficial results," Green adds.

Sharla Boisson is a certified electrologist who offers a unique service of permanent hair removal.

At a mutually appointed time, Boisson will do a personal visit to a client's home or office. "I find this will be very convenient for the working woman who does not feel like leaving home after a tiring day," says Boisson, "or a mother who doesn't want to leave her children with an expensive babysitter. This service is perfect for the elderly, disabled or shut-ins or even someone who would be more comfortable having the treatment in the privacy of their own home." There's no limit as to who may benefit from this type of service.

Bonnie Palmer, owner of Ete Salon, has revolutionalized the treatment of electrolysis by using a machine that is completely computerized. It uses multiple needles rather than a single one. It eliminates the guess work of locating and removing each hair. You must be in the exact location to properly remove each root. The computer pinpoints the exact location for easier extraction.

"This modern technology," says Palmer, "minimizes the total amount of treatment. Our services are not required for years, but our results last for years."

"Many people believe that waxing or tweezing are a quick solution to eliminating body hair," said Palmer. "This will only create a heavier, thicker growth that will become harder to manage in the future. Electrolysis is the only permanent way of solving an excess hair problem."

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This stylish outfit, available at Toni Plus, is designed to be figure-flattering.

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Flattering Oversize dressing offers many options

Retailers of women's oversize clothing agree that when purchasing clothes in larger sizes, style does not have to be sacrificed for size.

Toni Tiraborelli, owner of Toni Plus, stresses that if a garment fits properly then it will look good. "People often come into the store looking for clothes that will minimize their figure. What I tell them is if the garment fits well, then it will automatically minimize them. In other words, it is not one or two styles that may flatter a figure, but rather a proper fitting outfit."

Karen Blume, owner of Salon Femme, says that it is important for stores catering to larger women to have access to a good alternationist. "When these women put on something that does not fit properly it is very obvious. It is therefore essential to have someone on hand who can alter the garment to fit perfectly."

Larger women do not have to stick to dark, sombre colors. "I sell a lot of knits in bright colors and they are quite flattering. Big sellers this year are long pullovers and knit skirts in red, yellow and hunter green. Also popular are long sweaters worn over the office and the leggings and pants are a bit more casual. Again, when the fit is right the outfit looks great."

Blume, who sells an extensive selection of cocktail wear, says that larger women can wear everything from a classic black wool crepe dress to sequined or beaded silk gowns. "The short dresses are being worn shorter this year, just past the knee, and I tell my customers that skirt length should be dependent on the shape of the leg. If someone has great legs, by all means wear above the knee styles. If you don't want legs to be the focal point select a longer length."

Women with heavier arms should stick to longer sleeve lengths, she adds. Sleeveless garments and capped sleeves should be avoided. "I also offer other tips that include wearing shoulder pads to make the hips look slimmer, wearing blouson jackets and blouses over pants or skirts as they draw attention away from the waist and wearing lots of accessories such as long chains or big earrings because they serve as focal points."

Tiraborelli, who carries such lines as Elizabeth by Liz Claiborne, Jones New York, Peter Nygard Signature Collection and some exclusive lines from California, sees the menswear influence being quite strong this season. "This is seen in pinstriped, houndstooth and chenille tweeds along with updated tartans in contemporary designs. "Although with skirt length, anything goes, we present 26 inch lengths with soft, fuller skirts to our customers."

For casual wear, she says that stirrups are still big and are being teamed with tunic skirts, finger tip length sweaters or the classic blazer. Velour is making a big comeback with more styling and details to give an updated, relaxed look.

The bottom line, Blume says, is that oversize women have many clothing options available to them. "Proportion and styling are the key issues to be considered, and feeling good about how you look is crucial. People who feel good about how they look send out a more positive message that contributes to the overall appearance."

Sleepwear provides warmth and sleek styling

Kathryn's Lingerie provides this easy-care nightgown in an eye-catching floral print.

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Traditional flannelette sleepwear is no longer the only choice for those who want to keep warm on cold winter nights. With the advent of cuddleskin, an easy-care fabric that is satiny on the outside and soft and cosy on the inside, women can find sleepwear that offers both warmth and sleek styling.

Kathryn's Lingerie, one of the top five lingerie stores in the city, carries an assortment of cuddle-skin nightshirts, pyjamas, nightgowns and dressing gowns in various colors, including pink and blue, and in paisley and floral prints. "Machine wash and just hang up," says owner Kathryn Klein.

For those who prefer flannelette sleepwear, Klein does offer a large selection of pyjamas and lace-trimmed floral-print granny gowns. Eye-catching plaid flannelette dressing gowns and nightshirts, in red, green or blue, are also available.

Some of her silks can be machine washed and hung to dry.

Crammed full with racks of lingerie, Klein's shop on Avenue Road, north of Lawrence, carries sleepwear by Natori, Lanz of Salzburg, Diamond Tea and Conrad All.

In spite of lower temperatures many winter sleepwear shoppers favor light fabrics, polysatins and cottons, over heavier fabrics. "People love cotton," says Klein.

Cotton dressing gowns lined with terrycloth, in blue paisley, polka dot and floral designs, could be worn all year round. Designed by Conrad, the robes are mid-calf length instead of floor-length, which means they can be worn off the rack by anyone without alterations. "A short person doesn't have to shorten it," Klein points out. She also has a lilac floral satiny dressing gown, again by Conrad, lined with lilac terrycloth.

Diamond Tea and Conrad velour and lush life dressing gowns in many colors can be found at Kathryn's Lingerie. Lush life is a lighter weight version of velour. Trimmed with a satin collar studded with clear beads, an ivory lush life robe would please someone looking for warmth and elegant styling.

Distinguished by bright colors and bold abstract patterns, the shop's loungers from Finland look good on any figure. Available in a few contemporary styles, including a long T-shirt, the fine 100 percent cotton loungers come in various color combinations that include bright blue, red, turquoise and black. "They are very slimming," says Klein. Polysatin Natori loungers, in modern prints, are also part of her collection.

At Kathryn's, silks enjoy year-round popularity. The store carries short gowns with spagetti straps in plains and prints, a stunning two-piece outfit made up of black pants and a foral top, and nightshirts and pyjamas in many colors.

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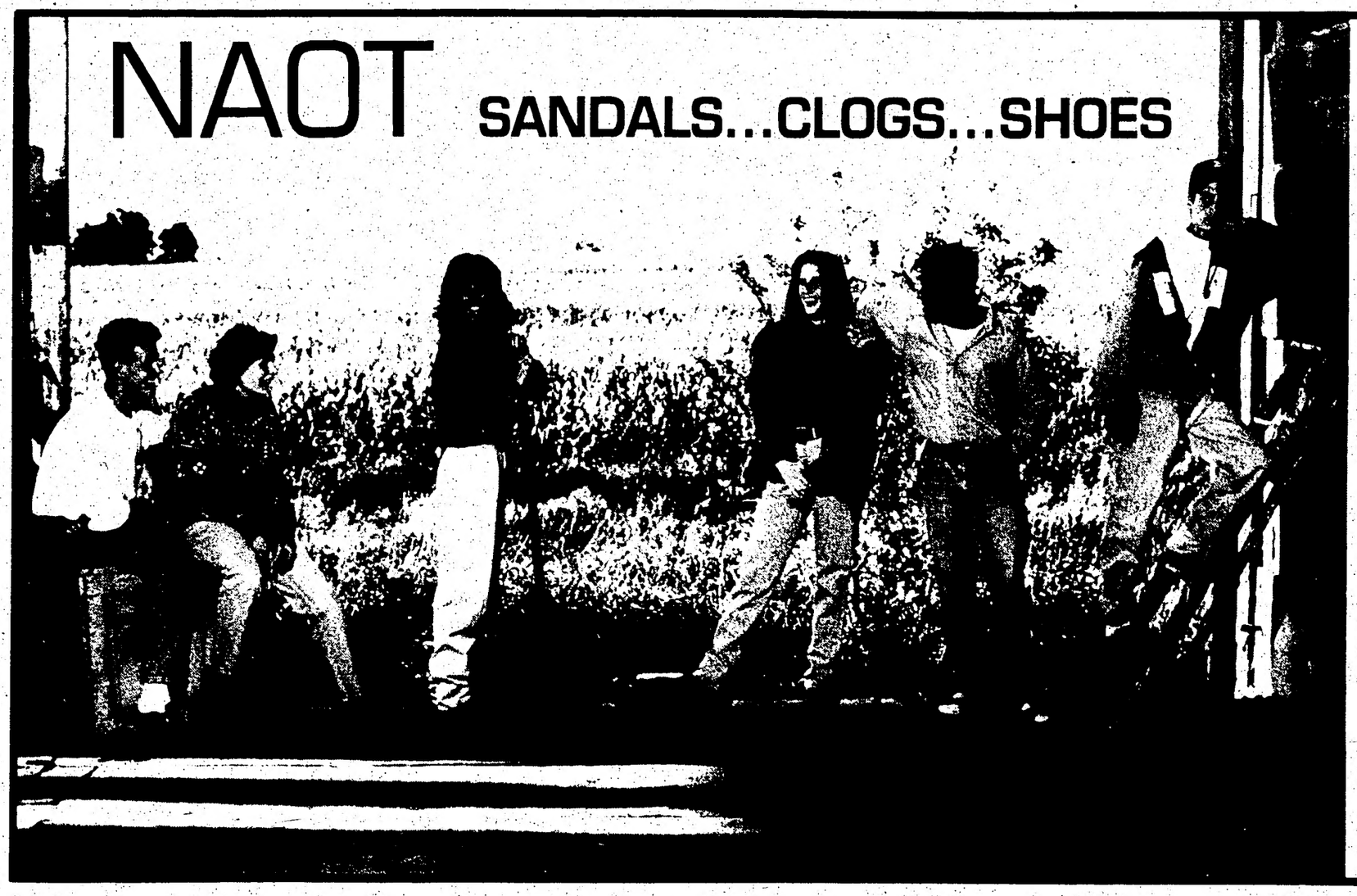

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MEET SARA FELDMAN

Our model Sara Feldman is currently the director of public relations for Nabisco Brands Ltd., and despite a busy schedule, spends her spare time working for various organizations.

A graduate of York University, Sara is a member of a number of professional organizations. She has been published in *Canadian Business Review Magazine*, and has spoken at several conferences on corporate attitudes toward community activities. In addition, Sara has acted as a judge for the Canadian Public Relations Society's Award of Excellence.

Sara is a member of the board of directors of the Toronto chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundations of Toronto; a member of the special events committee of the Hugh MacMillan Children's Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation; and a member of the human resources development committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Volunteering is a tradition in her family. Her mother has received several awards for her fundraising activities on behalf of Na'amat Canada, and recently, Sara's father, sister, brother, nieces and nephews were drafted into service for Na'amat's annual bazaar.

Sara has been described as bright, dynamic, decisive, compassionate and fun. Unmarried, she describes herself as an "active aunt" who has attended everything from "wrestling to recitals." Her positive approach to life is to "achieve as much as you can, but don't forget to focus on what you *do* have, not what you don't have." The key ingredient: "No matter how rough things get, try not to lose your sense of humor."

Moms-to-be in flattering fashions

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Sophisticated, well-made maternity wear that will flatter a woman whether she is at home or in the boardroom is the focus of Rhonda Maternity's winter line.

Owner Rhonda Flomen says her clientele today "is older and more professional than it used to be. Many women have careers and those who stay at home are busy. They like to dress well. Our clothing allows them to keep fashion in their lifestyles."

Flomen, who has three stores in the Toronto area, says it is important for women to select maternity clothing on the basis of fabric, style, wearability, how well it co-ordinates with other clothing in the line and price. "Women want to look good without spending a fortune so it is important to have everything affordable. One way to do this is to aim for less seasonal clothing. The ideal maternity wardrobe should be wearable year round. Popular transitional fabrications are cool wools, brushed rayons and cotton knits. Rayons are big because they are soft and washable and cotton knitwear is also popular because it can cross over and be worn for leisure or business attire."

Professional women looking for a wardrobe to serve them on the job and into the evening will do well with jacket dressing. "Jackets this year are styled to be worn with or without a blouse which is a practical measure that saves the cost of a third ensemble piece. tailored lines are softened with feminine detailing such as decorative buttons, top stitching and soft pleats and the suiting is fabricated in an array of woolens including red and black tartans, plaids and a rainbow of solid colors."

Those looking for businesswear, better streetwear or casual at-home clothing will do well with cotton knits, available in such styles as stirrup pants, short tight skirts, pleated skirts and a variety of tops for mixing and matching. Important colors this season are hot pink, lucite blue, jade green and black. "For an elegant, sporty look, stretch black velvet co-ordinates in a four-way ensemble of stirrup pants, skirt and tops and stylish suits in navy blue and sage green," says Flomen.

As for dresses, she says that "there is nothing like a lovely dress to make a woman feel attractive and ready to socialize. Brightly patterned, tailored rayon dresses with sculptured bodies in shades of rich autumnal golds and luscious plums and blues look great by day and make a graceful transition to evening functions. For an extra special event we sell a very popular elegant sheath with bolero jacket in a choice of black velvet, shimmery gold brocade or black brocade with jewel tone accents."

All in all, Flomen estimates that a complete wardrobe with five outfits will cost around $1,000 but says women can spend less depending on what they need. A skirt and blazer will average $300; dresses, $149; knits, $69; good stirrup pants, $89 and sweaters $100. "Most expectant mothers come into our store at three months for a few basics then return in their fifth month when they really need everything. I advise them to select garments that co-ordinate and work together. We are not just a maternity store, we are fashion consultants and we work with our customers to help them dress well throughout all their pregnancies."

Stylish comfort sums up this outfit from Rhonda Maternity.

Rhonda Flomen says maternity apparel should be wearable year round.

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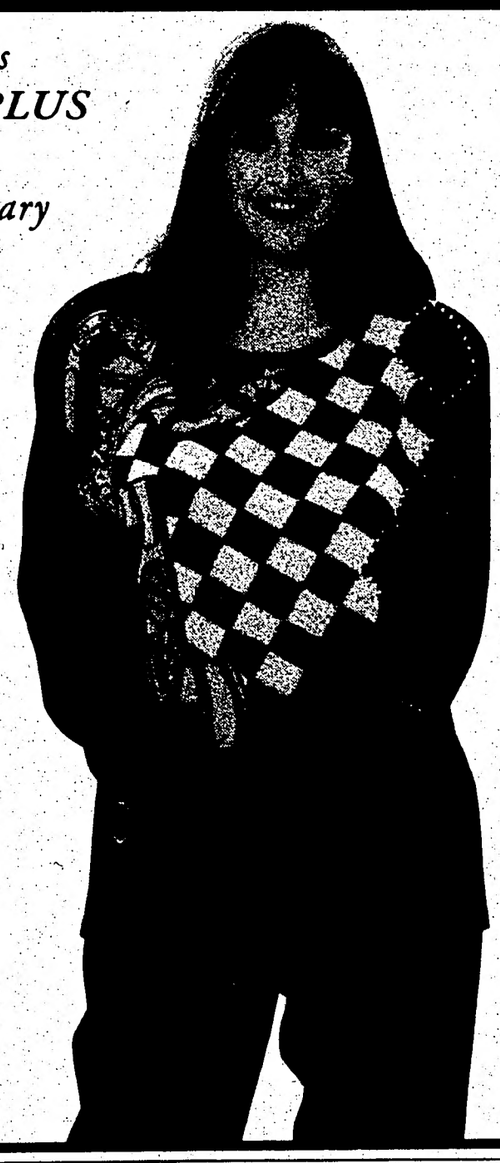

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Down-aging

Mister Leonard focuses on youthful clothing for women

By MARLA KAY

It used to be that when I thought of fashions by Mister Leonard, it was something that my mother wore.

"Not anymore," says company president Lorne Gertner. "Our average customer is about 45 years old but wants to look 35. We have redefined the limitations of our product by down-aging. The new Mister Leonard Collection focuses on a contemporary youthful look but still avoids being overly young or junior."

Versatility and options are the key buzz words that continue to propel global fashion trends in the 1990s. As consumers in these economic times seek out more value and longer wearability from the clothing they purchase, seasonless fabrics become not only desirable but essential.

In building the Mister Leonard Winter/Holiday Collection, they have taken special care to source fabrics that are not strictly limited to these seasons. The enhancement of these fabrics for winter or holiday dressing is achieved through the layering on of extra luxurious fabrics that speak of special occasion dressing: from the shimmer and shine of silver metallics, sequins and satin, to the opulence of lace, satin jaquards and embellished knitwear, to the flirtacious fun of plaid taffeta.

Mister Lenoard's design inspirations have been cultivated from some of the top fashion headliners of our time. From the subtle feminized menswear influences of Donna Karan and Girogio Armani, to the bold graphic prints of Gianni Versace and the vibrant color palettes of Laurel and Escada.

"One of the hottest fashion trends," adds Gertner, "is that of menswear inspired fabrications and cuts. We have "borrowed from the boys" with peak lapel detailing and the look of a trouser suit, but we have also injected a feminine twist — a shaped cardigan jacket and a very directional 33-inch slim skirt."

On it's own, the pinstripe suit is an exciting and new addition to any working wardrobe. If you combine it with a silver metallic stretch shell or a lace bustier or even a sequined tank top, your pinstripe suit instantly transforms into an outfit perfect for an evening out.

For this season's collection, Mister Leonard is introducing a new polyrayon crepe fabric. Available in black, lipstick red and passion purple, this fabric glides effortlessly from office to any special occasion.

"For the classic minded," says Gertner, "we have the essential silhouettes of the one button notch collared jacket, slim skirt, pleated skirt and classic pant. We have also included the directional silhouettes that make a fashion difference. A tunic blouse is a relaxed and modern option to the constructed jackets. The wide leg pant and long dinner skirt will be the silhouettes of choice for the fashion-forward customer. Based on the continuing success of our dress and jacket combinations, we have included a new essential to any wardrobe, a sleeveless tank dress to be teamed up with any one of our jackets."

For holidays spent right here in Canada and not basking away in some far-off beach, Mister Leonard has created a collection of knitwear with a snowflake motif that will evoke thoughts of fresh air and snow.

In 70 percent acrylic and 30 percent wool, these sweaters (available in navy and winter white) include embroidery, sequined snowflakes and fringing, and may easily be combined with knit bottoms for head-to-toe knit dressing. There is also a fringed drawstring jacket which may be teamed up with a mock turtleneck and woven stirrup pants for a great urban outdoor look.

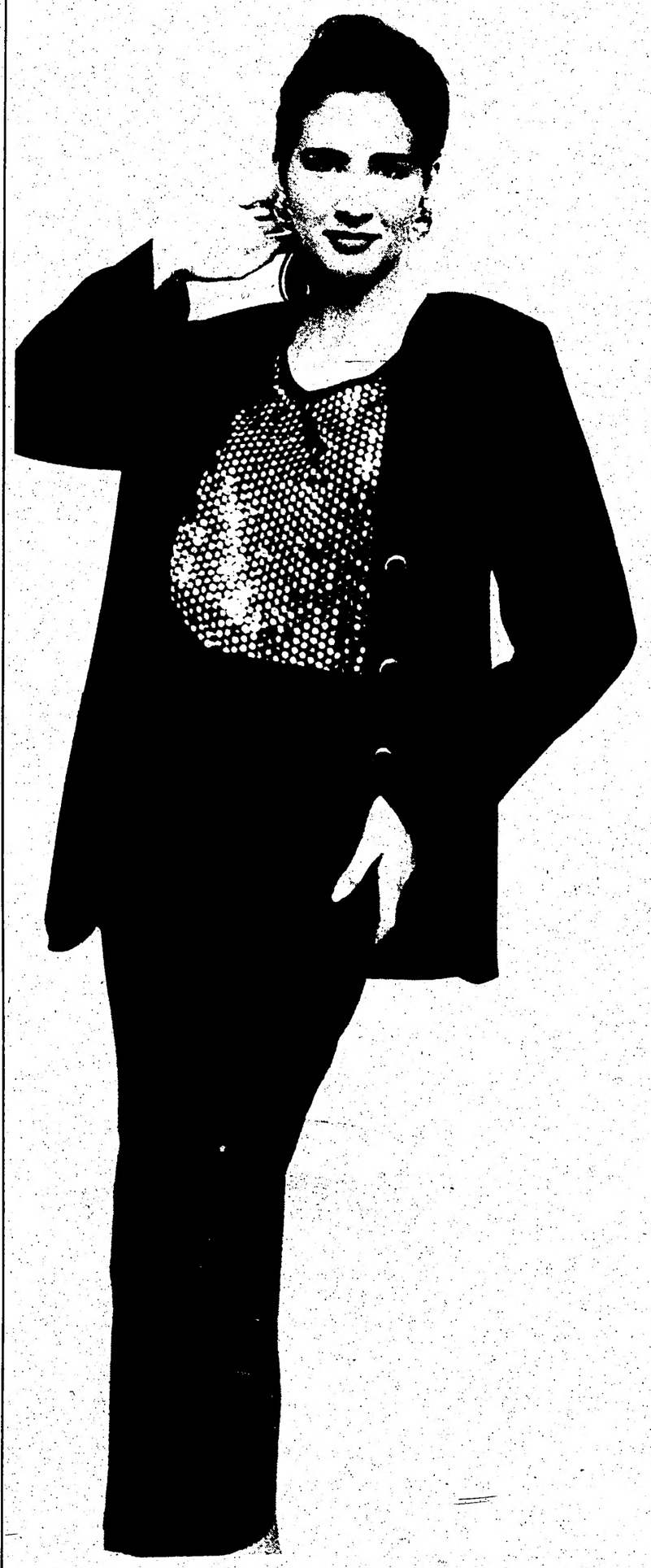
"Another new and exciting fabric for us this season is a viscose and acetate crepe," states Gertner. "The shawl collared jacket and flippy skirt make a fabulous desk-to-dinner suit, while the cardigan jacket and slim leg pant create the all-important pantsuit look. Who says a long skirt can't look sexy? Ours is slit high for ease of movement and looks great."

"Our approach to this fabric is to layer a floral jacquard jacket or skirt to the base cloth for a stunning evening look. An outfit in the base crepe cloth can go to the workplace worn with a crepe blouse and can be instantly transformed for evening with the simple switch to a sequined top."

Mister Leonard's winter/holiday collection would not be complete without mentioning their denim. They are always on the lookout for new twists and variations to update this fashion staple and have certainly not disappointed their customers this season.

They have developed a motif of multi-crests, which are printed on selected items in both denim and cotton jersey. They have also added a more feminine approach to the jean jacket of offering a collarless neckline, crested back and new seaming details.

Recently, the first Mister Leonard Collection Shop opened in Eaton's at the Yorkdale Shopping Centre. There are plans to open 12 more shops in Eaton's stores right across Canada within the year.



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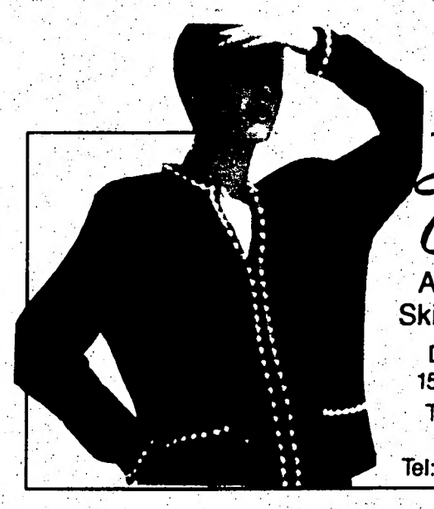

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Men's dressy outerwear turns more casual

From Grant MacKenzie comes this melion cloth coat with hood — popular with men who are taking a casual approach to fashion.

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Men's dressier outerwear is a little more casual these days as men are turning to all-weather coats and carcoats to wear over their sportsjackets and dress pants.

"We are showing a lot of three-quarter length pieces in melton cloth, which is a wool blend or waxed cotton, a washed, dyed cotton. Parkas, with big pockets, a draw string at the waist, removable hood and toggle fasteners are the big thing. Men are buying these coats and wearing them to work immediately. And by removing the hood it becomes a little less casual looking. As well, not everyone likes a hood. By making it removeable, the coat remains an option for all customers," says Gordon Shibuya, general manager for men's wear store Grant MacKenzies.

Those who do want a little dressier look are buying full length, below mid-calf coats. "These are typically all-weather coats in microfibre, a synthetic used extensively in men's outerwear and pants. These double breasted coats, often in classic colors such as greys, olive or blacks usually have removable linings so they can be worn year-round. Many men do not want to be purchasing a coat for the spring and fall and another for the winter. The removable lining makes it flexible and those on a tighter budget are happy to be able to wear the same coat year-round," says Shibuya.

He adds that these all-weather type coats can really take a man everywhere he has to go. "They can be worn to work, to the theatre, out to dinner and just visiting. Because men do not buy coats for a specific occasion they can do well with just two coats, one that can be worn for a little more formal occasion and one that is quite casual."

Shibuya says that this does not mean the formal wool coat has seen its day. "I still see a lot of men buying single and double breasted dressier coats in melton cloth. These, more formal coats do well in the lighter colors such as tan because these colors blend with most colored pants and do not show the salt stains in the winter as much as a darker colored coat. Rather than a fashion statement, the lighter colors are very much a practical purchase."

Shibuya adds that what he sees as the trend are practical coats that men can wear for most occasions and for much of the year. "The bottom line is that they do not want to buy coats for work, coats for the evening and coats for week-end wear. They are looking for a practical, durable piece that fits in everywhere."

Traditions makes travel easier for seniors

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

When senior women shop for their holidays, they look for easy-care clothing, well-made, serviceable garments that are drip-dry and can be mixed or matched, as they prefer to travel with a minimum of luggage.

"They want something that won't wrinkle, that will be lightweight, and they usually want something colorful," says Margo OBorne, owner of Traditions, a clothing store that caters to senior women. "My customers look for comfort, traditional styles with simple lines and pockets — whether it's for holiday wear or not."

This season Traditions carries a selection of rayon white and floral separates, including bomber jackets, shorts, slacks, skirts and blouses, for the woman looking for cruisewear. The bright floral fabric, available in a navy, fuchsia and white color combination, need not be restricted to blouses or jackets. If a customer wishes colorful shorts or slacks, Traditions will make the garment to measure.

"With our cruisewear we do a lot of special orders for our customers. If they prefer culottes, we'll sew them," said OBorne. "Our slogan is 'if we don't have it, we'll make it.'

"We're manufacturers — we can bring customers whatever they want. We keep a good variety of fabrics on hand. They can choose a design and the fabric, then the garment would be made to their measurements at no extra cost."

She added that Traditions specializes in fittings for difficult figures.

For the holiday season the shop offers swimsuits that flatter the senior figure and lightweight travel raincoats, in navy, green and beige, that can be rolled up and stuffed into a purse or reshaped into a bag with a shoulder strap.

Traditions has Chanel-style tweedy-look boucle suits in raspberry or a green/blue combination for the traveller. Trimmed with braid and gold buttons, the jacket can be worn without a blouse. The store also carries co-ordinating pieces to go with the curly-textured boucle jackets, slacks and skirts.

The shop's afternoon dresses, in viyella, a wool and cotton blend, make great holiday wear for customers who stay in the city. Viyella is a favorite of OBorne's customers, many of whom have worn the English fabric for years.

She also offers wool jersey dresses — "soft and cosy and they don't wrinkle," she says — in royal blue, jade green, teal and raspberry.

In party wear, OBorne has colorful washable cocktail dresses, made of polyester, polyester jacquard, a fabric with designs woven in, or polyester/crepe. The royal blue, fuchsia and teal dresses have been designed with front rather than back zippers as many of Traditions' customers find back zippers hard to close.

"A lot of ladies look for easy openings, clothing that's very simple to get on and off," said OBorne.

OBorne's customers, many of whom live in retirement homes, want clothing that requires no dry-cleaning and no ironing. She explained that some of them have trouble getting out to a cleaners or have difficulty ironing due to arthritis in their hands or the inability to stand long enough to iron. Some of them, too, like many women who have yet to reach their senior years, would rather avoid ironing altogether.

When a senior woman who lives in a retirement home goes shopping for a dressy piece of clothing, she looks for a versatile garment, one that can be worn for different occasions and in more than one season, as she has little closet space. If she chooses a raspberry boucle suit, for instance, she knows the jacket can be worn with another outfit. "Wherever possible, we bring in dresses that are going to cover more than one season," OBorne said.

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By MARLA KAY

For those of you who are tired of shlepping your children from mall to mall trying to find clothing that fits and most importantly, that you can afford, I have found two wonderful services that alleviate the related stress of shopping with a small child.

Patti Falus has created the Wholesale Baby Connection, which specializes in first quality children's wear at wholesale prices in sizes ranging from newborn to 6X. She targets her sales to three basic markets.

First and foremost is her shop-at-home service for parties of eight or more. It's a great opportunity to socialize with your friends or meet new ones and shop for your children at the same time. Wholesale Baby Connection has been a hit at quite a few mom or tot parties, baby showers and even gatherings for seniors.

Secondly, at corporate functions, Falus arranges a day and time convenient to the company and usually sets up a beautiful display in their boardroom. The employees appreciate the convenience and the low prices. Recently, CITY TV did a story on Wholesale Baby Connection. They were so impressed with the clothing, they booked a date for their own employees.

The third market that Falus targets is fundraising events. A non-profit organization will invite the Wholesale Baby Connection to a fundraising event where an agreed upon percentage of sales is donated back to the organization.

"In the past," says Falus, "I have attended parties and functions through these types of services and the merchandise is often over-priced. I maintain wholesale pricing throughout. Goods usually sold through these types of services are rarely available to consumers on the spot, [require] payment up front with delayed delivery; shipping and handling charges might also apply. Not with me. I bring enough stock to suffice once I know how many people are attending the function and you always take your purchases with you."

Wholesale Baby Connection is carrying beautiful styles and patterns for the winter season which include stirrup pants (2-6X), sleepers (6m-24m) and an enormous selection of playwear.

"This is one-of-a-kind type of clothing," states Falus. "It features a collection of reversible hooded jumpers. One side is plain colored terry and on the reverse side there are brightly printed patterns such as Smurfs, Lifesavers or cars. I also have a black jean jumpsuit (sizes 0-30m) with hot peach or green cotton inserts with a matching hat for boys or girls."

Prices are certainly a factor with Wholesale Baby Connection. They carry a variety of merchandise ranging in price from $3 to $30 which would normally retail from $6 to $70. That's quite a savings.

Sisters Arlene Blatt and Gloria Rotstein have combined their many talents and offer a service called A & G Designs.

Gloria is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and formerly owned Printables where she specialized in custom printed invitations and stationary. She is also the mother of two girls. After a very successful law career, Arlene decided to stay at home and raise her three sons.

It began very simply. Arlene was sewing clothing for all their children. Gloria would always add the creative flair and design artwork for each garment.

Once they had perfected their particular styles and designs, they began giving these beautiful outfits as gifts. If they knew in advance what the child liked, they would personalize the outfit by adding a certain applique of motif to make the gift more special.

"People absolutely loved our work and requests began pouring in for individual designs for their children," says Blatt.

"Our idea," states Rotstein, "was to combine comfort with quality and style and be able to provide good value. What makes us unique is our ability to personalize and create an individual look for each child. We accommodate special circumstances, such as different arm or leg lengths, waistbands or color preferences.

"We are not dressmakers," says Blatt. "We produce certain samples and when a client comes in, we work from these samples and create the garments that will suit their child."

A big part of business for A & G Designs is their baby gift service. They carry a wide variety of items that go into each gift. "We never use containers that are not practical or reusable," says Rotstein. "Quite often we use toyboxes or the customer will bring us something they want used, such as a Snugli or toy boat. Again, we show the customer our samples and they pick out what they like and will accomodate their budget. Our gift service prices range from $30 and up."

For the winter season, A & G Designs are featuring turtleneck sweatshirts in bright colors which are warm and cozy for cold days, ¾ length tops with matching tights as well as fleece sets and dresses which may be transformed into something special that each child will enjoy wearing.

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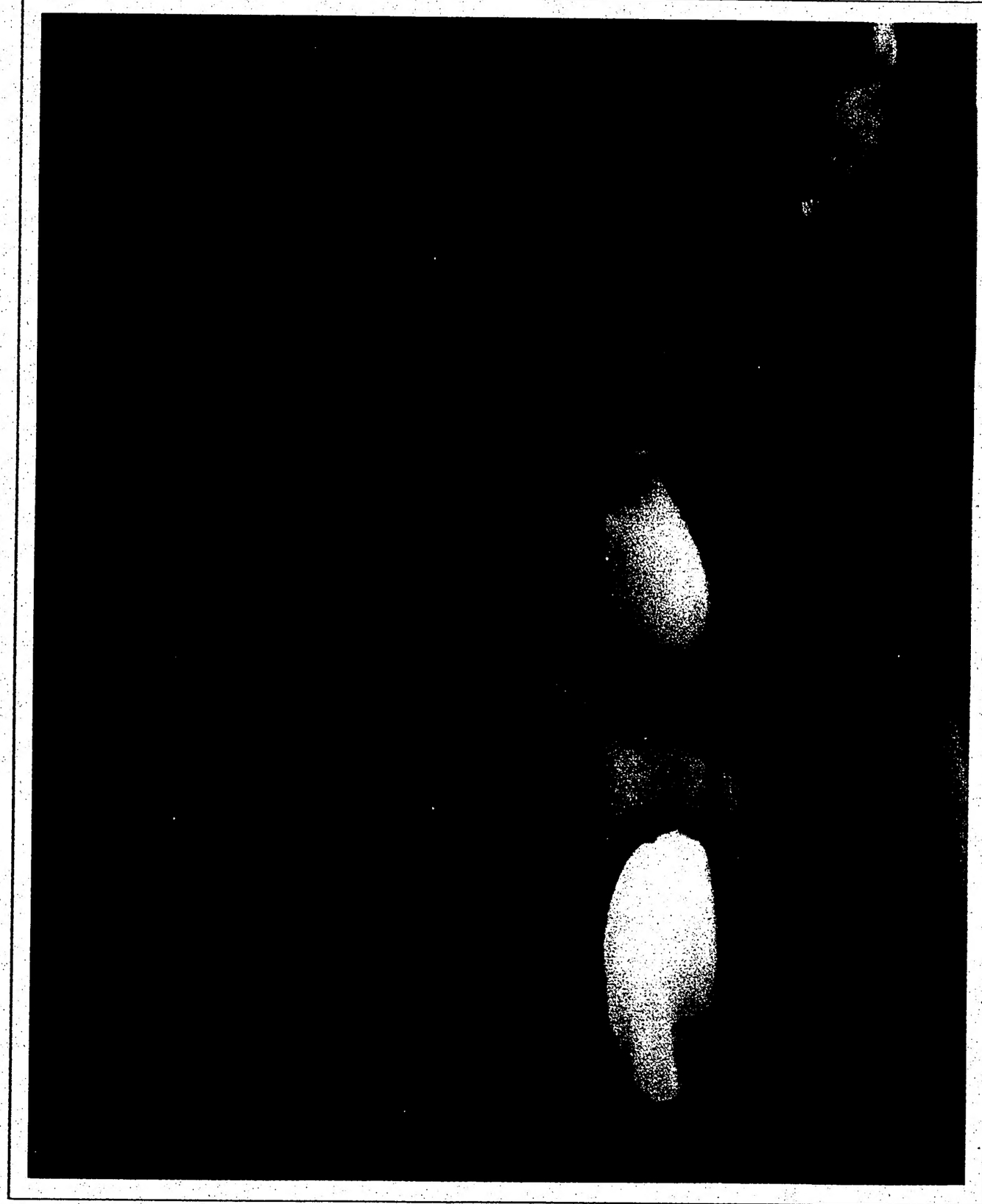

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